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MARYLAND HOMEGROWN SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

Robin Phillips, Food Services Manager for the Dorchester County Board of Education, is excited to announce that **all students** in the Dorchester County Public Schools will have the opportunity to get a taste of fresh **Maryland grown and/or Maryland produced food** in their lunches each day during the fourth annual **“Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week,” September 12-16, 2011.**

“Throughout the week, a **Maryland fruit and/or vegetable** has been menued in **all of our schools**,” Ms. Phillips said. Special displays will be set up and planned educational activities will take place in some of our schools. All food service employees will be **encouraging students to sample the products** that are offered.

“We are working with Maryland farmers, producers, and distributors to bring in local and/or Maryland grown products,” Ms. Phillips said. “A local farmer (**Emily’s Produce**) has provided us with local **watermelons** and Maryland **apples**. **North Dorchester Middle School’s Cafeteria Manager, Jennifer Bradley**, will be receiving local produce from the **Calloway and Robinson Farms**. We want to thank our local farmers and also our local distributors for helping us promote Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week.”

A special treat to promote “Maryland” commodities has been planned at **Hurlock Elementary School** on September 14th. **Amick Farms** in Hurlock has donated **“Maryland” chicken** for their baked chicken lunch. “What a special treat to promote a very popular local Maryland commodity,” Ms. Phillips said. “Our thanks and appreciation go out to **Doug Smith and Bonnie Franz** for making this happen.”

Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week is designed to help educate students about where their food comes from, how it is produced, and the benefits of a healthy diet - as well as to expand markets for local farmers.