

Share Tables in New Hampshire Schools



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USDA, States and Share Tables

- Share tables are approved by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- State Food Protection rules that are more stringent trump the Federal allowance.



NH Share Tables in Schools

- Currently the State does not allow share tables = 93% of towns in the State.
- There are 15 towns that are self inspecting towns. Many times these towns allow share tables = 7%.



Share Table Survey

- Survey distributed in February 2018
- 44% of SAUs responded
- Summary of results show most want share tables.



The Data

Out of the 41 SAUs responding:

- 2 offer share tables (under strict guidelines) and 39 do not offer share tables
- 8 responded they have composting programs
- 34 would like to offer share tables and 4 would not. 3 declined to comment.



Survey Comments

- Composting
 - Lack information regarding proper composting
 - Lack money for composting
 - Composting brought rat infestation
 - Lack of staff to monitor composting program
 - Lack of space for composting
 - No school garden so no use for compost



Survey Comments

- Share Table
 - Time and temperature concerns when food is collected
 - Allergy/intolerance issues
 - Food pantry won't accept donations as we won't keep the collected food.
 - Have seen teachers and nurse grab food from kids' trays before dumping in trash
 - Schools are licensed as single serve food establishments



Thank you

