



the good news series



Nebraska “crunched” eight other states in a friendly competition in October.

In celebration of National Farm to School month, Nebraska joined Colorado, Kansas,

Montana, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming in the Mountain

Plains Region “Crunch Off” event to see which state could pledge the most bites per capita into crunchy, local food.

The Nebraska Department of Education’s Office of Nutrition Services organized events across Nebraska including a crunch at the Capitol.



Nebraska Congressman Jeff Fortenberry participated by leading a crunch at Clinton Elementary School in Lincoln.



Nebraska was crowned the champion recording 88,812 total crunches which accounted for 4.58% of the population! Those crunches supported local food producers as Nebraska spent more than \$14,000 on local food for the event.

The Mountain Plains Region logged 352,534 total crunches, making the entire event a tremendous success.

You can learn more about Nebraska’s Farm to School program online at

www.education.ne.gov/ns/farm-to-school/.