

# HJR 8 Study

## Ending Childhood Hunger

*Farm to School as a strategy for  
improving children's access to healthy food.*



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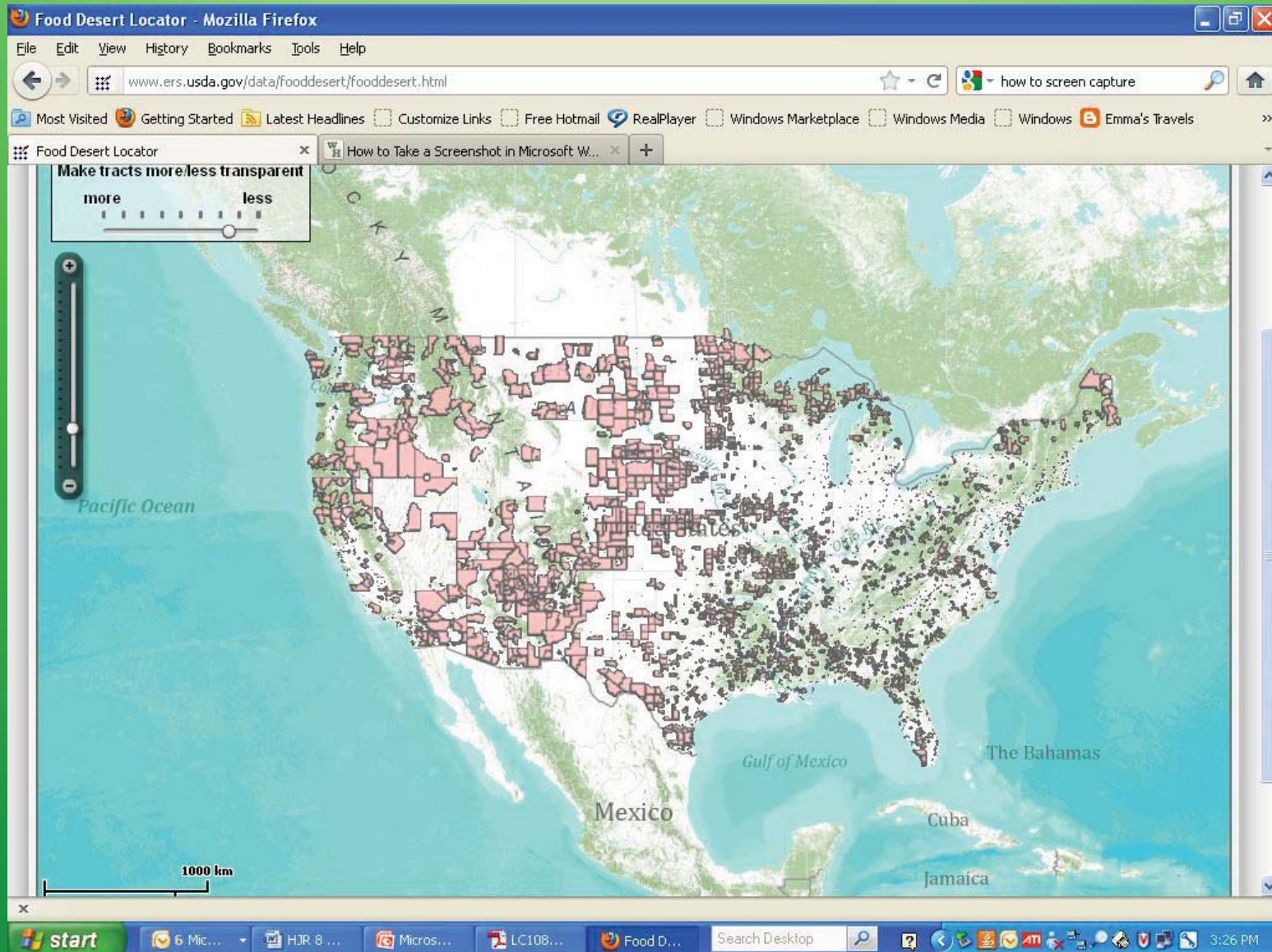
# School Nutrition Programs

*Often provide 40-50% of Children's Daily Calorie Needs*

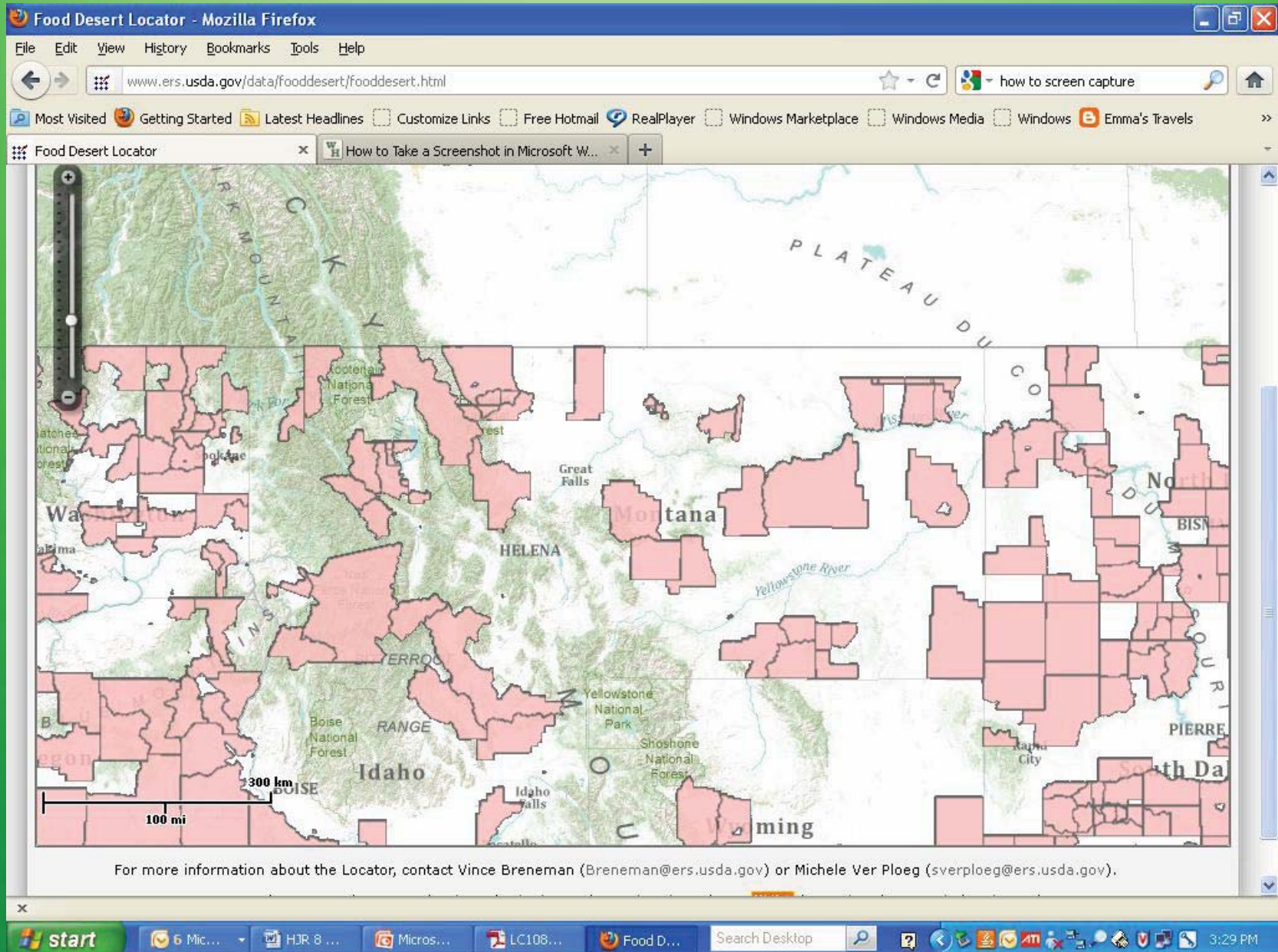
- School Breakfast
- School Lunch
- USDA Foods
- DOD Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program
- Special Milk Program
- After School Snack
- Summer Feeding Program



# Food Desert Communities



# Food Deserts in Montana



# Strong Community Based Food Systems Central to Long Term Efforts to Alleviate Childhood Hunger



# Components of Farm to School

- Local Foods in School Food Programs
- School gardens
- Nutrition education



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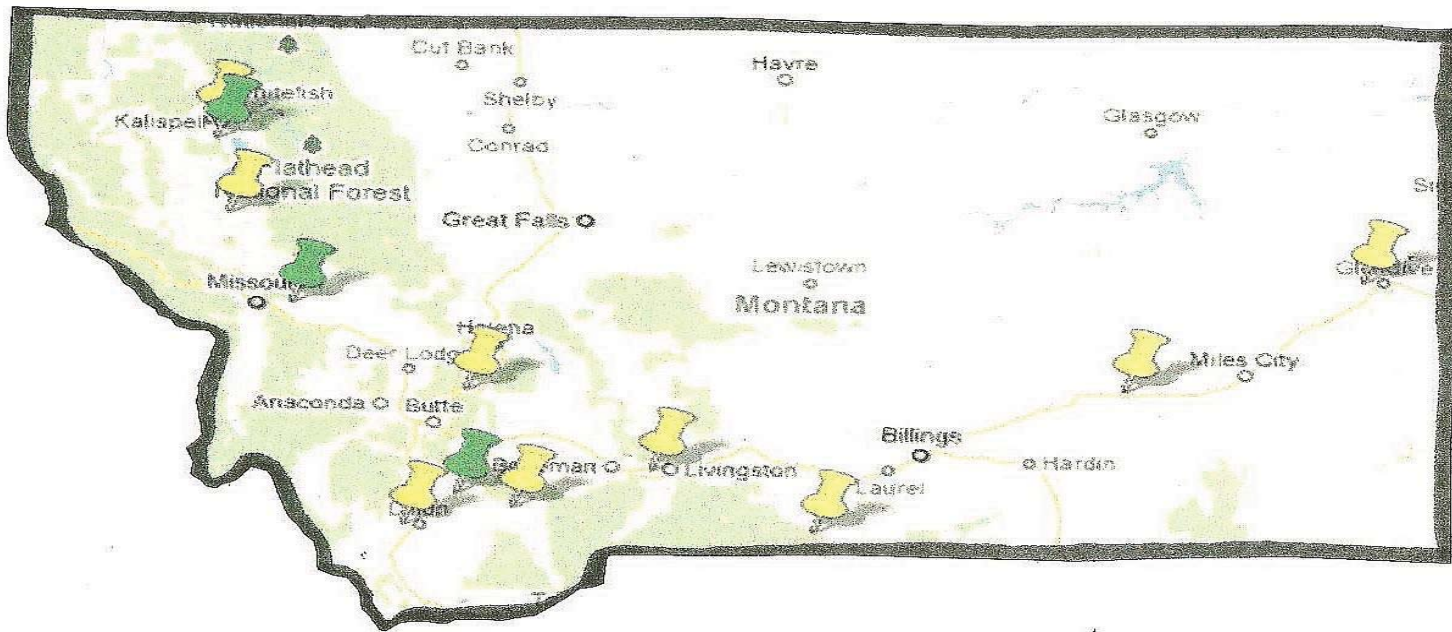
# Farm to School in Montana

- Local Procurement
  - Lots of interest
  - Some success
  - Barriers to overcome
- School Gardens
- Community driven
- Montana FoodCorps



# FoodCorps for Rural Montana

## **MONTANA FOODCORPS**



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# Challenges

- Price
- Availability/supply
- Need for minimal processing
- Regulations (confusion)
- School food service infrastructure
- Under-utilization of federal school nutrition programs



# Policy Approaches

- Legislation Categories
  - Project Implementation
  - Creating a Task Force/Council
  - Pilot Program Implementation
  - Budget appropriations or creation of an official state fund
  - Grant Money Allocation
  - Local Preference
  - Additional Reimbursements
  - Promotional event or Program
  - Creating a directory or database
  - Wellness policies
  - Resolutions



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