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University Dining Services Gets Fresh

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY – Since winning the OSU “Creativity Challenge” in February 2009, Terry Baker, OSU University Dining Services Director, has begun implementing UDS’ plan to bring local farmer’s produce to the OSU campus. “The Farm to University Dining program aims to support the local economy, while providing creative recipe and menu ideas that focus on seasonal food and produce,” Baker said.

Aug. 31 will kick off the year-long program, Farm Fresh, which will focus on a locally grown product every month. Watermelon will be the inaugural Farm Fresh September special. Perennial Produce, a watermelon farm in Hinton, Okla., will provide the OSU campus with fresh watermelons to sample and buy, as well as seasonal recipes that incorporate watermelon.

For more than 20 years, Perennial Produce has grown watermelon under its Sugar Creek Brand. The company, which is owned by Kevin Hughes, distributes watermelon across the state for more than 55 school districts.

On-campus dining areas will feature watermelon as a menu item throughout the month of September. Watermelon Lemonade, Tomato and Watermelon Salad, Melon Ambrosia and Watermelon Salsa are some of the available choices.

“The goal of the Farm Fresh program is to incorporate locally grown food and produce to the OSU campus,” Baker said.

For more information about Farm Fresh or Farm to University Dining contact University Dining Services at 405-744-4424 or visit dining.okstate.edu.

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