

Table 1. School foodservice purchasing practices

Practices	N	%
Person purchasing food		
Director	99	42.8
Kitchen Manager	78	33.8
Head Cook	42	18.2
Other	12	5.2
Length of time person purchasing food has been in position		
Less than 5 years	56	24.8
5-9 years	47	20.8
10-15 years	68	30.1
More than 15 years	55	24.3
Total number of current vendors		
1-2 vendors	32	14.1
3 vendors	52	22.9
4 vendors	39	17.2
5 or more vendors	104	45.8
Method for placing food orders¹		
In person	210	88.6
By telephone	123	51.9
By fax	35	14.8
By computer	28	11.8
Current purchasing practices¹		
Use prime vendor	159	67.1
Participate in food purchasing cooperative	106	45.9
Purchase from local growers	80	34.8

¹Respondents could choose multiple responses, thus numbers may total more than 237 and percentages do not total 100