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At the end of title IV, add the following new section:

SEC. 4208. FARM-TO-PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.

(a) AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
Agriculture shall develop and carry out a grant program
to make grants to community-based and nonprofit organi-
izations to develop a Farm-to-Preschool program that fos-
ters the connection between preschools, Head Start pro-
grams, childcare or daycare centers, kindergarten readi-
ness programs in K–12 school districts, and in-home care
facilities, with small- or medium-sized agricultural pro-
ducers, for the purposes of—

(1) developing an industry-leading preschool nu-
trition education and meal program designed to help
prevent the onset of childhood obesity and develop
foundational healthy eating and lifestyle habits,

(2) creating nutritious and healthy made-from-
scratch meals and menus using recipes that include
mostly locally grown and produced organic foods,

(3) developing recipes and menus that will serve
as a tool for parent awareness, access to healthy
food, food preparation, and eating, and engagement in nutrition education,

(4) developing experiential educational curricula centered around farms, farmers’ markets, and school gardens for parents and children,

(5) replicating “Farm-to-Preschool” parent awareness and engagement in nutrition education, healthy eating and food preparation nationally,

(6) supporting local and regional agriculture communities, and

(7) promoting the institutionalization of preschool wellness policies.

(b) Availability and Use of Grants.—The Secretary shall make grants under subsection (a)—

(1) to be used—

(A) to support the initial costs of implementing a new, or expanding an existing, Farm-to-Preschool program,

(B) in an amount not to exceed $250,000 to support the training and access to resources and information necessary to conduct a successful Farm-to-Preschool program, or

(C) in an amount not to exceed $50,000 to support the cost of conducting research, identifying resources, and developing partnerships to
design a successful and sustainable Farm-to-
Preschool program,

(2) to eligible entities that agree to provide, in
cash or in kind, not less that 20 percent of the cost
of the use for which the respective grants are made,
and

(3) to achieve to the maximum extent practi-
ciable geographical diversity and grantee participa-
tion in urban, rural and tribal communities.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the first
fiscal year for which funds are appropriated to carry out
this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall report to
Congress on the progress made in carrying out programs
funded by grants under this section, including preschool
nutrition education curricula centered around farms,
farmers’ markets, and school gardens, and the institu-
tionalization of preschool wellness policies.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2014
through 2018 in the aggregate $10,000,000 to carry out
this section.