

# DELAWARE

## *FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE*

### **STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION**

- Fruits, Tree Nuts & Berries – Farms: 70; Acres: 607
- Vegetables, Potatoes & Melons – Farms: 233; Acres: 35,011

### **PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT**

- 25 produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- 5 farmers markets selling fresh fruits and vegetables
- 4,872 FTE produce industry employment impact from producer to retailer

### **NEED FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION**

- Prevalence of adult obesity: 28%; National Rank: 21
- Prevalence of childhood obesity: 13.3%; National Rank: 33
- Prevalence of diabetes: 8.4%; Increase 1995-2010: 55.6%

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER HEALTH**

- 34,527 children participating in school breakfast
- 91,998 children participating in school lunch
- 23,625 participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program
- 112,513 participants in SNAP Program (Formerly Known as Food Stamp Program)

### **IMPACT OF FEDERAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAMS**

- Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grants provided \$584,476 from 2008-2010 used to fund 27 projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of Delaware producers
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program provides Delaware \$1,802,271 to fund fruit and vegetable snacks in 69 elementary schools this year
- WIC provides Delaware participants an estimated \$2.3 million annually in fruit and vegetable vouchers

#### **Sources**

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