

# OHIO

## *FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE*

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

- Fruits, Tree Nuts & Berries – Farms: 2,090; Acres: 12,379; Value: \$45,419,000
- Vegetables, Potatoes & Melons – Farms: 2,873; Acres: 45,706; Value: \$135,355,000

### **PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT**

- 152 produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- 110 farmers markets selling fresh fruits and vegetables
- 91,823 FTE produce industry employment impact from producer to retailer

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

- Prevalence of adult obesity: 29.6%; National Rank: 13
- Prevalence of childhood obesity: 18.5%; National Rank: 12
- Prevalence of diabetes: 10.0%; Increase 1995-2010: 85.2%

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER HEALTH**

- 380,652 children participating in school breakfast
- 1,136,344 children participating in school lunch
- 297,672 participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program
- 1,607,422 participants in SNAP Program (Formerly Known as Food Stamp Program)

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

- Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grants provided \$1,652,847 from 2008-2010 used to fund 38 projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of Ohio producers
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program provides Ohio \$4,435,706 to fund fruit and vegetable snacks in 202 elementary schools this year
- WIC provides Ohio participants an estimated \$28.5 million annually in fruit and vegetable vouchers

#### **Sources**

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