

# TENNESSEE

## *FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE*

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

- Fruits, Tree Nuts & Berries – Farms: 1,229; Acres: 3,780; Value: \$2,552,000
- Vegetables, Potatoes & Melons – Farms: 1,543; Acres: 28,766; Value: \$71,870,000

### **PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT**

- 102 produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- 24 farmers markets selling fresh fruits and vegetables
- 48,380 FTE produce industry employment impact from producer to retailer

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

- Prevalence of adult obesity: 31.9%; National Rank: 4
- Prevalence of childhood obesity: 20.6%; National Rank: 6
- Prevalence of diabetes: 10.6%; Increase 1995-2010: 58.2%

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER HEALTH**

- 293,349 children participating in school breakfast
- 699,875 children participating in school lunch
- 170,588 participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program
- 1,224,023 participants in SNAP Program (Formerly Known as Food Stamp Program)

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

- Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grants provided \$1,108,776 from 2008-2010 used to fund 21 projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of Tennessee producers
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program provides Tennessee \$3,150,893 to fund fruit and vegetable snacks in 157 elementary schools this year
- WIC provides Tennessee participants an estimated \$16.3 million annually in fruit and vegetable vouchers

#### **Sources**

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