

FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE UNITED FRESH PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

CONNECTICUT

STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- **\$63.7 Million** Value of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts
- **13,329** Acres of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts

PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **1,769** Farms
- **8,356** Farm employees
- **29** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **\$10.19 Million** Value in fresh fruit and vegetable exports

OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- **15%** Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17; National rank: **#23**
- **87%** of school districts need at least one piece of equipment to better serve nutritious foods
- **91.5%** of schools are meeting the current school nutrition standards

NEED FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **95,008** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **17,060,854**
- **280,151** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **47,852,430**
- **51,295** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **433,566** Participants in SNAP Program
- **81** Schools have received salad bars through the United Fresh Start Foundation/*Let's Move Salad Bars To Schools* Initiative

IMPACT OF FEDERAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

- **\$2.887 Million** Total funding from the Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for **67** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of producers from 2008-2015.
- **\$2.843 Million** To fund the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in **96** elementary schools this year
- **\$5.539 Million** Estimated annually for fruit and vegetable vouchers for WIC participants.