

FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE UNITED FRESH PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

DELAWARE

STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- **\$60.95 Million** Value of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts
- **38,869** Acres of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts

PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **300** Farms
- **1,632** Farm employees
- **25** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **\$9.11 Million** Value in fresh fruit and vegetable exports

OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- **16.8%** Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17; National rank: **#16**
- **100%** of school districts need at least one piece of equipment to better serve nutritious foods
- **100%** of schools are meeting the current school nutrition standards

NEED FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **47,973** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **7,535,522**
- **97,977** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **15,244,520**
- **18,997** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **146,532** Participants in SNAP Program
- **10** 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

- **\$1.903 Million** Total funding from the Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for **66** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of producers from 2008-2015.
- **\$2.108 Million** To fund the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in **72** elementary schools this year
- **\$2.051 Million** Estimated annually for fruit and vegetable vouchers for WIC participants.