

# FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE



# GEORGIA

## STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- **\$720.7 Million** Value of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts
- **246,296** Acres of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts

## PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **5,786** Farms
- **24,320** Farm employees
- **255** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **\$114.87 Million** Value in fresh fruit and vegetable exports

## OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- **16.5%** Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17; National rank: **#17**
- **92%** of school districts need at least one piece of equipment to better serve nutritious foods
- **94%** of schools are meeting the current school nutrition standards
- **93%** of parents support serving a fruit or vegetable in school meals

## NEED FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **626,930** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **104,122,289**
- **1,236,153** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **205,359,636**
- **264,298** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **1,719,210** Participants in SNAP Program
- **198** 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

- **\$8.191 Million** Total funding from the Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for **139** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of producers from 2008-2015.
- **\$4.685 Million** To fund the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in **152** elementary schools this year
- **\$28.54 Million** Estimated annually for fruit and vegetable vouchers for WIC participants.