

# FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE



# ILLINOIS

## STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- **\$147.1 Million** Value of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts
- **76,339** Acres of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts

## PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **2,769** Farms
- **14,285** Farm employees
- **216** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **\$24.92 Million** Value in fresh fruit and vegetable exports

## OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- **19.3%** Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17; National rank: **#9**
- **80%** of school districts need at least one piece of equipment to better serve nutritious foods
- **97.5%** of schools are meeting the current school nutrition standards

## NEED FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **423,268** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **73,204,567**
- **1,108,436** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **184,922,041**
- **247,593** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **1,870,177** Participants in SNAP Program
- **159** 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

- **\$4.03 Million** Total funding from the Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for **141** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of producers from 2008-2015.
- **\$5.420 Million** To fund the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in **260** elementary schools this year
- **\$26.74 Million** Estimated annually for fruit and vegetable vouchers for WIC participants.