

FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE



VERMONT

STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- **\$34.7 Million** Value of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts
- **6,808** Acres of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts

PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **1,702** Farms
- **4,427** Farm employees
- **3** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **\$5.1 Million** Value in fresh fruit and vegetable exports

OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- **11.3%** Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17; National rank: **#45**
- **88%** of school districts need at least one piece of equipment to better serve nutritious foods
- **93.2%** of schools are meeting the current school nutrition standards

NEED FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **22,736** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **3,718,609**
- **49,208** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **7,999,628**
- **13,733** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **79,653** Participants in SNAP Program
- **11** 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

- **\$1.755 Million** Total funding from the Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for **95** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of producers from 2008-2015.
- **\$2.019 Million** To fund the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in **149** elementary schools this year
- **\$1.483 Million** Estimated annually for fruit and vegetable vouchers for WIC participants.