

# Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile

## MISSISSIPPI

### State Fruit & Vegetable Production

**41,221** Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts

**\$18.5 M** Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts **Exports**

### State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce

**2,491** Farms



**5,854** Farm Employees

**↑ 20% INCREASE** nationwide in H2A workers in **2018**

**35** Produce Shippers, Wholesalers & Businesses

**\$500 M**

**INCREASE**

**IN AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND TREE NUTS**

EXPECTED NATIONWIDE IN FY 2019

### Opportunities to Increase Fruit & Vegetable Consumption

**23**



schools and growing have received salad bars through the industry's investment in the **United Fresh Start Foundation** and **Salad Bars to School Initiative**

**95%**

of schools need **Updated Kitchen Equipment**

**ONLY 7%**

of adults across Mississippi are meeting the **Dietary Guidelines for Americans** recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption

### Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables



**123 M**

servings of fruits & vegetables served daily through the **National School Lunch & Breakfast** programs

**\$754 K**

in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the **Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)**

FY 2018

**\$2.5 M**

in **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)** to

**111 schools** annually



**Total Market Access Program (MAP) Funding for Specialty Crops**

**\$53M**

FY 2016

**\$3 M**

in **Specialty Crop Block Grants** through

**117 total block grants**

FY 2008-2017

**\$537 K**

value in **Pest & Disease Grants**

FY 2018

**\$232 K**

in projects through **Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)**

FY 2008-2017