

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile

RHODE ISLAND

State Fruit & Vegetable Production

2,934 Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts

\$102 K Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts Exports

State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce

427 Farms

1,501 Farm Employees



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

16 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

24

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

91%

of schools need **Updated Kitchen Equipment**

ONLY 12%

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

Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables



26 M

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

\$175 K

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

FY 2018

\$2 M

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

102 schools annually

Total Market Access Program (MAP) Funding for Specialty Crops

\$53M

FY 2016

\$2 M

in **Specialty Crop Block Grants** through **73 total block grants**

FY 2008-2017

\$46 K

value in **Pest & Disease Grants**

FY 2018