Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile

RHODE ISLAND

State Fruit & Vegetable Production

- Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts: 5K
- Value of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts: $102K
- Value of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts Exports: $10M

State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce

- Farms: 381
- Farm Employees: 1,501
- Produce Shippers, Wholesalers & Businesses: 16

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

- 31M servings of fruits & vegetables served daily through the National School Lunch & Breakfast programs
- $1M in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) FY 2019
- $2M in Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to 102 schools annually FY 2018
- $2.4M in Specialty Crop Block Grants through 80 total block grants FY 2008-2018

Total Market Access Program (MAP) Funding for Specialty Crops $53M FY 2016

$500 M INCREASE
IN AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND TREE NUTS
EXPECTED NATIONWIDE IN FY 2019

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Founded in 1904, the United Fresh Produce Association brings together companies across every segment of the fresh produce supply chain, including growers, shippers, fresh-cut processors, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, foodservice operators, industry suppliers and allied associations. We empower industry leaders to shape sound government policy. We deliver the resources and expertise companies need to succeed in managing complex business and technical issues. We provide the training and development individuals need to advance their careers in produce. Through these endeavors, we unite our industry with a common purpose – to build long-term value for our members and grow produce consumption.

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