

FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE



ILLINOIS

STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- Fruits, Tree Nuts & Berries: Farms: **1,029** Acres: **5,060** Value: **\$19,535,000**
- Vegetables, Potatoes & Melons: Farms: **1,370** Acres: **71,946** Value: **\$127,592,000**

PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **221** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **112** Farmers markets selling fresh fruits and vegetables
- **42,770** FTE produce industry employment impact from producer to retailer

NEED FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- Prevalence of adult obesity **28.1%**; National rank: **24**
- Adults consuming fruits and vegetables less than once daily – Fruits: **36%** Vegetables: **25.2%**
- Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17 is **19.3%**; National rank: **9**

OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **416,090** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **73,336,669**
- **1,124,196** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **191,146,217**
- **280,463** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program
- **2,006,258** Participants in SNAP Program

IMPACT OF FEDERAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

- Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grants provided **\$3,041,836** from 2008-2013 used to fund **108** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of Illinois producers.
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program provides Illinois **\$5,187,050** to fund fruit and vegetable snacks in **267** elementary schools this year.
- WIC provides Illinois participants an estimated **\$30.9 million** annually in fruit and vegetable vouchers.

SOURCES

USDA 2012 Agriculture Census; USDA, FNS; USDA, AMS; Blue Book Services; Produce Marketing Association Economic Reach and Impact of the Fresh Produce and Floral Industry; F as in Fat: How Obesity Threatens America's Future

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