

FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE



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STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- **\$321.9 Million** Value of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts
- **115,679** Acres of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts

PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **3,089** Farms
- **11,201** Farm employees
- **29** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **\$37.24 Million** Value in fresh fruit and vegetable exports

OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- **12.5%** Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17; National rank: **#42**
- **99%** of school districts need at least one piece of equipment to better serve nutritious foods
- **93%** of schools are meeting the current school nutrition standards

NEED FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **93,781** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **7,830,056**
- **100,243** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **16,074,668**
- **21,781** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **190,243** Participants in SNAP Program
- **36** 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

- **\$3.292 Million** Total funding from the Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for **63** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of producers from 2008-2015.
- **\$2.214 Million** To fund the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in **174** elementary schools this year
- **\$2.352 Million** Estimated annually for fruit and vegetable vouchers for WIC participants.