

FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE

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MARYLAND

STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- **\$90.7 Million** Value of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts
- **32,584** Acres of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts

PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **1,462** Farms
- **6,493** Farm employees
- **80** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **\$11.29 Million** Value in fresh fruit and vegetable exports

OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- **15.1%** Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17; National rank: **#21**
- **94%** of school districts need at least one piece of equipment to better serve nutritious foods
- **100%** of schools are meeting the current school nutrition standards

NEED FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **264,688** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **42,611,704**
- **434,494** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **71,022,701**
- **142,841** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **745,125** Participants in SNAP Program
- **42** 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

- **\$3.257 Million** Total funding from the Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for **56** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of producers from 2008-2015.
- **\$3.514 Million** To fund the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in **142** elementary schools this year
- **\$15.42 Million** Estimated annually for fruit and vegetable vouchers for WIC participants.