

FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE



MONTANA

STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- **\$36.8 Million** Value of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts
- **10,510** Acres of fruits, vegetables, berries, potatoes, melons and tree nuts

PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **730** Farms
- **4,673** Farm employees
- **16** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **\$22.81 Million** Value in fresh fruit and vegetable exports

OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- **14.3%** Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17; National rank: **#28**
- **82%** 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

- **31,311** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **5,226,483**
- **81,871** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **13,510,833**
- **18,475** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **116,987** Participants in SNAP Program
- **25** 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

- **\$3.876 Million** Total funding from the Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant Program for **66** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of producers from 2008-2015.
- **\$2.132 Million** To fund the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program in **170** elementary schools this year
- **\$1.995 Million** Estimated annually for fruit and vegetable vouchers for WIC participants.