

FRUIT & VEGETABLE STATE PROFILE



RHODE ISLAND

STATE FRUIT & VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

- Fruits, Tree Nuts & Berries: Farms: **85** Acres: **382** Value: **\$4,131,000**
- Vegetables, Potatoes & Melons: Farms: **243** Acres: **2,397** Value: **\$9,331,000**

PRODUCE BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- **12** Produce shippers, wholesalers and businesses
- **26** Farmers markets selling fresh fruits and vegetables
- **25,145** FTE produce industry employment impact from producer to retailer

NEED FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

- Prevalence of adult obesity **25.7%**; National rank: **36**
- Adults consuming fruits and vegetables less than once daily – Fruits: **32.8%** Vegetables: **20.7%**
- Prevalence of childhood obesity ages 10-17 is **13.2%**; National rank: **41**

OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER HEALTH

- **32,530** Children participating in school breakfast; breakfasts served **5,723,090**
- **77,352** Children participating in school lunch; lunches served **13,233,339**
- **23,415** Participants in the Women, Infants and Children Program
- **178,483** Participants in SNAP Program

IMPACT OF FEDERAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

- Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grants provided **\$1,174,889** from 2008-2013 used to fund **45** projects to increase competitiveness and profitability of Rhode Island producers.
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program provides Rhode Island **\$2,025,959** to fund fruit and vegetable snacks in **96** elementary schools this year.
- WIC provides Rhode Island participants an estimated **\$2.5 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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