# Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile

**ALABAMA**

## State Fruit & Vegetable Production

- **Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts**: 41 K
- **Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts Exports**: $5.1 M
- **Value of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts**: $77 M

## State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce

- **Farms**: 3,014
- **Farm Employees**: 7,652
- **Produce Shippers, Wholesalers & Businesses**: 58
- **INCREASE 20% nationwide in H2A workers in**

## Opportunities to Increase Fruit & Vegetable Consumption

- **45 schools** and growing have received salad bars through the industry’s investment in the United Fresh Start Foundation and Salad Bars to School Initiative
- **90% of schools need Updated Kitchen Equipment**
- **ONLY 7% of adults across Alabama are meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption**

## Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables

- **206 M servings of fruits & vegetables served daily through the National School Lunch & Breakfast programs**
- **$9 M in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)**
- **$3.3 M in Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to 114 schools annually**

## Total Market Access Program (MAP)

- **$5.3 M Funding for Specialty Crops Block Grants**

## Covid-19 Economic Relief

- **174 K+ jobs retained by 2869 companies who had Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans over $150K**
- **MORE THAN 132 M Farmers to Families Food boxes delivered by local and regional distributors valued at $4.5 BILLION**
- **$2.3 B Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) payments, $11.5 MILLION to Alabama**

## Other

- **United Fresh Start Foundation and Salad Bars to School Initiative**
- **20% INCREASE nationwide in H2A workers in**
- **119 schools annually**
- **$85 K value in Pest & Disease Grants**
- **$2.1 M in projects through Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)**

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