# Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile
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### State Fruit & Vegetable Production
- Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts: 21 K
- Value of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts Exports: $2.6 M
- Value of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts: $65 M

### State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce
- Farms: 1,800
- Farm Employees: 8,356
- Produce Shippers, Wholesalers & Businesses: 58

### Opportunities to Increase Fruit & Vegetable Consumption
- 87% of schools need Updated Kitchen Equipment
- Only 12% of adults across Connecticut are meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption
- 87 schools and growing have received salad bars through the industry's investment in the United Fresh Start Foundation and Salad Bars to School Initiative
- 98% of schools need updated kitchen equipment
- 87% of schools need updated kitchen equipment

### Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables
- 109 M servings of fruits & vegetables served daily through the National School Lunch & Breakfast programs
- $3 M in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)
- $2.6 M in Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to 98 schools annually
- $53 M in Specialty Crop Block Grants
- $4.7 B Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) payments, $9.3 MILLION to Connecticut
- $2.3 B Farmers to Families Food boxes delivered by local and regional distributors valued at $4.5 BILLION
- 174 K+ jobs retained by 2869 companies who had Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans over $150K

### National Covid-19 Economic Relief
- 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, $9.3 MILLION to Connecticut
- $53 M Total Market Access Program (MAP) Funding for Specialty Crops