Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile

**ILLINOIS**

**State Fruit & Vegetable Production**

- Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts: 125 K
- Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts Exports: $24 M
- Value of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts: $142 M

**State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce**

- Farms: 2,903
- Farm Employees: 14,285
- Produce Shippers, Wholesalers & Businesses: 217

**Opportunities to Increase Fruit & Vegetable Consumption**

- Schools and growing have received salad bars through the industry’s investment in the United Fresh Start Foundation and Salad Bars to School Initiative: 181
- 80% of schools need updated kitchen equipment
- Only 12% of adults across Illinois are meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption

**Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables**

- 417 M servings of fruits & vegetables served daily through the National School Lunch & Breakfast programs
- $14 M in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)
- $5.6 M in Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to 311 schools annually

**Total Market Access Program (MAP) Funding for Specialty Crops**

- $53 M

**NATIONAL 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, $8 MILLION to Illinois

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**United Fresh Start Foundation and Salad Bars to School Initiative**

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