

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile

MARYLAND

State Fruit & Vegetable Production

32,584 Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts

\$9.6 M Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts **Exports**

State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce

1,462 Farms



6,493 Farm Employees

↑ 20% INCREASE nationwide in H2A workers in **2018**

99 Produce Shippers, Wholesalers & Businesses

\$500 M

INCREASE

IN AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND TREE NUTS

EXPECTED NATIONWIDE IN FY 2019

Opportunities to Increase Fruit & Vegetable Consumption

43



schools and growing have received salad bars through the industry's investment in the **United Fresh Start Foundation** and **Salad Bars to School Initiative**

94%

of schools need **Updated Kitchen Equipment**

ONLY 11%

of adults across Maryland are meeting the **Dietary Guidelines for Americans** recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption

Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables



142 M

annual servings of fruits & vegetables served through the **National School Lunch** program

\$1 M

in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the **Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)** FY 2018

\$3 M

in **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)** to **134 schools** annually



Total Market Access Program (MAP) Funding for Specialty Crops
\$53M

FY 2016

\$4 M

in **Specialty Crop Block Grants** through **71 total block grants** FY 2008-2017

\$631 K

value in **Pest & Disease Grants** FY 2018

\$13 M

in projects through **Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)** FY 2008-2017