

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile

MISSISSIPPI

State Fruit & Vegetable Production

41,221 Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts

\$18.5 M Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts **Exports**

State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce

2,491 Farms

5,854 Farm Employees

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



35 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

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

95%

of schools need **Updated Kitchen Equipment**

ONLY 7%

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

Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables



123 M

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

\$754 K

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

\$2.5 M

in **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)** to **111 schools** annually



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

FY 2016

\$3 M

in **Specialty Crop Block Grants** through **117 total block grants** FY 2008-2017

\$537 K

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

\$232 K

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