Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile
RHODE ISLAND

State Fruit & Vegetable Production

2,934 Acres of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts
$102 K Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts Exports

State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce

427 Farms
1,501 Farm Employees

$500 M INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND TREE NUTS
EXPECTED NATIONWIDE IN FY 2019

Opportunities to Increase Fruit & Vegetable Consumption

24 schools and growing have received salad bars through the industry’s investment in the United Fresh Start Foundation and Salad Bars to School Initiative
91% of schools need Updated Kitchen Equipment
ONLY 12% of adults across Rhode Island are meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption

Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables

26 M annual servings of fruits & vegetables served through the National School Lunch program
$175 K in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) FY 2018
$2 M in Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to 102 schools annually

Total Market Access Program (MAP) Funding for Specialty Crops
$53 M FY 2016

$2 M in Specialty Crop Block Grants through 73 total block grants FY 2008-2017
$46 K value in Pest & Disease Grants FY 2018

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