

# 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



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

**16** 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

**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**

**\$53M**

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