Fresh Fruit & Vegetable State Profile
VERMONT

**State Fruit & Vegetable Production**

- **6,808 Acres** of Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts
- **$4 M** Fresh Produce & Tree Nuts Exports

**State Fruit & Vegetable Businesses & Workforce**

- **1,702 Farms**
- **4,427 Farm Employees**
- **20% INCREASE** nationwide in H2A workers in 2018
- **9 Produce Shippers, Wholesalers & Businesses**

**Opportunities to Increase Fruit & Vegetable Consumption**

- **$500 M INCREASE** in Agricultural Imports of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Tree Nuts (expected nationwide in FY 2019)
- **11 schools** and growing have received salad bars through the industry’s investment in the United Fresh Start Foundation and Salad Bars to School Initiative
- **88% of schools** need Updated Kitchen Equipment
- **ONLY** **12%** of adults across Vermont are meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption

**Federal Investments in Fruits & Vegetables**

- **15.5 M** annual servings of fruits & vegetables served through the National School Lunch program
- **$104 K** in fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for participants in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program (FY 2018)
- **$1.8 M** in Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to 154 schools annually
- **$2.3 M** in Specialty Crop Block Grants through 111 total block grants (FY 2008-2017)
- **$146 K** value in Pest & Disease Grants (FY 2018)
- **$100 K** in projects through Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) (FY 2008-2017)

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

- **$53 M** FY 2016

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