

VERMONT FARM TO INSTITUTION

By the Numbers



FARM TO SCHOOL

18%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

12,347
students go to a school in a district
that has farm to school activities

\$1,912,442
spent on local food

83%
of school districts offer
farm to school activities

Figures are based on survey responses from 78% of VT public, K-12 school districts (63 of 81 surveyed)



FARM TO COLLEGE

31%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

10,943,144
meals served at colleges
that purchase local food

\$5,114,165
spent on local food

55%
of colleges have a
campus garden or farm

Figures are based on survey responses from 100% of VT colleges (20 of 20 surveyed)



FARM TO HEALTH CARE

33%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

2,096,534
meals served by
responding hospitals

\$2,737,329
spent on local food

4 facilities
have policies that support
buying local food

Figures are based on survey responses from 57% of VT hospitals contacted (8 of 14 surveyed)

Data Sources: Farm to School: 2015 USDA Farm to School Census; Farm to College: 2015 FINE survey; Farm to Hospital: Health Care Without Harm 2016 survey of hospitals participating in their Healthy Food in Health Care program; Food Production: 2012 USDA Census of Agriculture; Food Distribution: 2015 FINE survey. **More info:** <http://dashboard.farmtoinstitution.org/data-sources>

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FARMERS & PRODUCERS

7,338
farms in Vermont

\$105,765
average farm income

\$776 million
farm products sales each year

16%
of farms sell directly to retail,
including institutions

Figures are based on survey responses to the 2012 USDA Census of Agriculture



NEW ENGLAND DISTRIBUTORS

47%
of food sold by New England
distributors goes to institutions

21%
of total sales by New England
distributors are local food,
on average

\$59 million
estimated local food sold to
institutions in New England

88%
of New England distributors
think they'll sell more local
food in the next three years

Figures are based on survey responses from 65% of the distributors contacted (56 of 86 surveyed)

About Us:

FINE is a six-state network of non-profit, public, and private entities working collaboratively to strengthen our food system by increasing the amount of New England-grown and processed food served in our region's schools, hospitals, colleges, and other institutions.

The New England Farm to Institution Metrics Project measures the impact of the farm to institution market across the supply chain. Specifically, it shows how food procurement choices made by schools, colleges, and

hospitals make a difference for New England food producers, food distributors, and institutions that purchase food.

We believe that institutions have a central role to play in building a sustainable food system in New England. Changing institutional buying patterns to include more regionally-grown food is not always easy, but it brings many forms of value to Vermont's farmers, consumers, communities, and economy.

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