

# RHODE ISLAND FARM TO INSTITUTION

## By the Numbers



### FARM TO SCHOOL

**9%**  
average percent of food budget spent on local food

**135,297**  
students go to a school in a district that has farm to school activities

**\$891,956**  
spent on local food

**90%**  
of school districts offer farm to school activities

*Figures are based on survey responses from 95% of RI public, K-12 school districts (42 of 44 surveyed)*



### FARM TO COLLEGE

**20%**  
average percent of food budget spent on local food

**1,500,000**  
meals served at colleges that purchase local food

**\$4,812,500**  
spent on local food

**50%**  
of colleges have a campus garden or farm

*Figures are based on survey responses from 36% of RI colleges (4 of 11 surveyed)*



### FARM TO HEALTH CARE

**8%**  
average percent of food budget spent on local food

**2,884,307**  
meals served by responding hospitals

**\$82,800**  
spent on local food

**1 facility**  
has policies that support buying local food

*Figures are based on survey responses from 88% of RI hospitals contacted (7 of 8 surveyed)*



### FARMERS & PRODUCERS

**1,243**  
farms in Rhode Island

**\$47,990**  
average farm income

**\$59 million**  
farm products sales each year

**14%**  
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 Rhode Island's farmers, consumers, communities, and economy.

[www.farmtoinstitution.org](http://www.farmtoinstitution.org)

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#### Infographic By

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#### 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>