

CONNECTICUT FARM TO INSTITUTION

By the Numbers



FARM TO SCHOOL

13%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

\$7,244,580
spent on local food

355,489
students go to a school in a district that has farm to school activities

70%
of school districts offer farm to school activities

Figures are based on survey responses from 74% of CT public K-12 school districts (138 of 187 surveyed)



FARM TO COLLEGE

22%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

\$17,475,250
spent on local food

8,364,100
meals served at colleges that purchase local food

56%
of colleges have a campus garden or farm

Figures are based on survey responses from 53% of CT colleges (17 of 32 surveyed)



FARM TO HEALTH CARE

13%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

\$2,383,700
spent on local food

6,518,388
meals served by responding hospitals

6 facilities
have policies that support buying local food

Figures are based on survey responses from 66% of CT hospitals contacted (8 of 12 surveyed)



FARMERS & PRODUCERS

5,977
farms in Connecticut

\$551 million
farm product sales each year

\$92,123
average farm income

10%
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

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

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

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 Connecticut's farmers, consumers, communities, and economy.

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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>