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

20% average percent of food budget spent on local food
$19,802,337 spent on local food

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16,862,155 meals served at colleges that purchase local food
57% of colleges have a campus garden or farm

9% average percent of food budget spent on local food
$1,528,818 spent on local food

5,521 farms in Connecticut
381,539 acres in agriculture

$580 million farm product sales each year
$2 million sales directly to local retail, institutions, and food hubs

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

About Us:
FINE is a six-state network of nonprofit, 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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