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$3,782,660 spent on local food

135,221 students go to a school in a district that has farm to school activities
79% of school districts offer farm to school activities

25.7% average percent of food budget spent on local food
$4,804,991 spent on local food

9,133,167 meals served at colleges that purchase local food
41% of colleges have a campus garden or farm

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7,600 farms in Maine
$667 million farm product sales each year

1,307,613 acres in agriculture
$74.5 million sales directly to local retail, institutions, and food hubs

5% average percent of food budget spent on local food
3,972,345 meals served by responding hospitals
$508,200 spent on local food

4 facilities have policies that support buying local food
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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

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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 Maine’s farmers, consumers, communities, and economy.

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