

MAINE FARM TO INSTITUTION

By the Numbers



FARM TO SCHOOL

16%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

\$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

Figures are based on survey responses from 74% of ME public, K-12 school districts (131 of 177 surveyed)



FARM TO COLLEGE

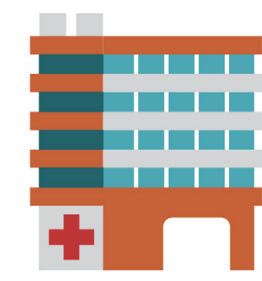
25.7%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

\$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

Figures are based on 2018 FINE survey responses from 71% of ME colleges (17 of 24 surveyed)



FARM TO HEALTH CARE

5%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

\$508,200
spent on local food

3,972,345
meals served by responding hospitals

4 facilities
have policies that support buying local food

Figures are based on survey responses from 100% of ME hospitals contacted (13 of 13 surveyed)



FARMERS & PRODUCERS

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

Figures are based on survey responses to the 2017 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 Maine's farmers, consumers, communities, and economy.

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Data Sources

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