By the Numbers

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- 422,072 students go to a school in a district that has farm to school activities

**FARM TO COLLEGE**
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**FARM TO HEALTH CARE**
- 12% average percent of food budget spent on local food
- 15,636,657 meals served by responding hospitals

**FARMERS & PRODUCERS**
- 7,241 farms in Massachusetts
- 491,653 acres in agriculture

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRIBUTORS**
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- $57.2 million sales directly to local retail, institutions, and food hubs
- 88% of New England distributors think they’ll sell more local food in the next three years

Data Sources:
- Farm to School: 2015 USDA Farm to School Census; Farm to College: 2018 FINE survey; Farm to Hospital: Health Care Without Harm 2017 survey of hospitals participating in their Healthy Food in Health Care program; Food Production: 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture; Food Distribution: 2018 FINE survey. More info: http://dashboard.farmtoinstitution.org/data-sources

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 the farmers, consumers, communities, and economy of Massachusetts.

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