

RHODE ISLAND FARM TO INSTITUTION

By the Numbers



FARM TO SCHOOL

9%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

135,297
students go to a school in a district that has farm to school activities

\$891,956
spent on local food

90%
of school districts offer farm to school activities

Figures are based on survey responses from 95% of RI public, K-12 school districts (42 of 44 surveyed)



FARM TO COLLEGE

30%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

8,720,599
meals served at colleges that purchase local food

\$7,890,800
spent on local food

43%
of colleges have a campus garden or farm

Figures are based on survey responses from 64% of RI colleges (7 of 11 surveyed)



FARM TO HEALTH CARE

17%
average percent of food budget spent on local food

607,197
meals served by responding hospitals

\$236,177
spent on local food

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facilities report purchasing local food

Figures are based on a New England response rate of 36%; data only represents those facilities that responded to the survey



FARMERS & PRODUCERS

1,043
farms in Rhode Island

56,864
acres in agriculture

\$58 million
farm products sales each year

\$4.1 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

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

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

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 Rhode Island's farmers, consumers, communities, and economy.

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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: 2015 FINE survey. **More info:** <http://dashboard.farmtoinstitution.org/data-sources>