

CONNECTICUT FARM TO INSTITUTION

By the Numbers



FARM TO SCHOOL

13%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

355,489
students go to a school in a district
that has farm to school activities

\$7,244,580
spent on local food

70%
of school districts offer
farm to school activities

Figures are based on survey responses from 74% of CT public K-12 school districts (138 of 187 surveyed)



FARM TO COLLEGE

20%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

16,862,155
meals served at colleges
that purchase local food

\$19,802,337
spent on local food

57%
of colleges have a
campus garden or farm

Figures are based on survey responses from 47% of CT colleges (15 of 32 surveyed)



FARM TO HEALTH CARE

9%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

3,661,740
meals served by
responding hospitals

\$1,528,818
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

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

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 Connecticut's farmers, consumers, communities, and economy.

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NEW ENGLAND**

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>