

MASSACHUSETTS FARM TO INSTITUTION

By the Numbers



FARM TO SCHOOL

21%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

\$10,262,200
spent on local food

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

68%
of school districts offer
farm to school activities

Figures are based on survey responses from 60% of MA public, K-12 school districts (251 of 419 surveyed)



FARM TO COLLEGE

18%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

\$26,309,032
spent on local food

35,386,957
meals served at colleges
that purchase local food

45%
of colleges have a
campus garden or farm

Figures are based on survey responses from 48% of MA colleges (44 of 92 surveyed)



FARM TO HEALTH CARE

12%
average percent of food
budget spent on local food

\$1,170,974
spent on local food

15,636,657
meals served by
responding hospitals

17
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

7,241
farms in Massachusetts

\$475 million
farm products sales each year

491,653
acres in agriculture

\$57.2 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

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

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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: 2018 FINE survey. **More info:** <http://dashboard.farmtoinstitution.org/data-sources>