## 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
- 90% of school districts offer farm to school activities

### Farm to College
- 30% average percent of food budget spent on local food
- 8,720,599 meals served at colleges that purchase local food
- $891,956 spent on local food
- 43% of colleges have a campus garden or farm

### Farm to Health Care
- 17% average percent of food budget spent on local food
- 607,197 meals served by responding hospitals
- $7,890,800 spent on local food
- 3 facilities report purchasing local food

### Farm & Producers
- 47% of food sold by New England distributors goes to institutions
- 21% of total sales by New England distributors are local food, on average
- 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

### New England Distributors
- 88% of New England distributors think they’ll sell more local food in the next three years
- $59 million estimated local food sold to institutions in New England

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**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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