



Illinois

Fresh Produce and Floral Economic Impact



Economic Impact:



\$5.4B

Total sales



\$417M

Total floral sales



104K

Total acres of fresh produce



38.6K

Total employees



3.2K

Total farms



\$2.0B

Total wages

\$6.3M

Fresh Produce and Tree Nuts Exports

5,757

H-2A Positions Certified in FY25

332

H-2A Applications Requested

286

H-2B Applications Requested

Opportunities to Increase Fruit and Vegetable Consumption:

89.1%

of adults across Illinois are not meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations for fruit and vegetable consumption

\$242M

in Cash Value Benefits (CVB) for fruits and vegetables in the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)

5

Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Programs (GusNIP)

Yes

Medicaid 1115 Waiver for Produce Prescriptions

Allows doctors to prescribe fruits and vegetables for patients



Farm Bill Investments in

Fruits and Vegetables:

\$6.8M

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) annually
Provides free fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to children at eligible elementary schools

\$126M

Organic production (\$)

\$139K

Pest and Disease Grants

104K

Organic production volume (acres)

\$679K

Specialty Crop Block Grants

Sources: USDA, CDC, Nutrition Incentive Hub, National Produce Prescription Collaborative, DOL OFLC, DHS