



## **Update: DOCCS Switches to NY Apples**

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Apples grown throughout New York State are being sent to correctional facilities to be eaten by inmates. Under Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's initiative to have state agencies buy local, [DOCCS changed](#) its procurement procedures to support local New York State farmers. Previously dehydrated apples were imported from other states or other countries. Today, DOCCS is purchasing New York State diced Ida Red apples from a New York State processor. Deliveries to the cook/chill facility, in Rome, NY started in November of 2014. The facility will make and distribute New York apple crisp monthly, while fresh apples served on a daily basis are delivered directly to each of the state's 54 facilities. In December of 2014 NyAppleCountry.com featured an article about the local buying in their [Core Report](#).