

PASS PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS SYSTEM



In Pennsylvania, there are more than 52,000 farms spanning over 7.3 million acres across the state, yet more than 2 million Pennsylvanians are struggling with hunger every day. With this abundance of resources, there should be no reason anyone should be struggling with hunger. That is why agricultural partnerships are of utmost importance to Feeding Pennsylvania and our member food banks.

SMALL FARMS WITH A LARGE IMPACT

In an effort to bridge the gap between Pennsylvania's charitable food network and Pennsylvania's agricultural industry, the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) was designed to help reduce waste of surplus product, support local farms, and provide increased access to nutritious foods for Pennsylvania families who need it most.



PASS provides funding to cover the costs associated with harvesting, processing, packaging, and transporting food and agricultural products, including fruits, vegetables, eggs, dairy, poultry, pork, beef, and grains, in order to donate those items to the charitable food system.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



Contract Planting

Through contract planting, you can work with Feeding Pennsylvania and your regional food bank to plan a portion of your production to be donated to the charitable food system. This would include the product and amount to be donated, as well as any associated costs eligible to be covered by PASS.

Surplus Items at Harvest

Have surplus product? Any excess product at the end of the season can also be procured through the PASS program. If the product is in acceptable condition, we can work together to determine if there is a need.

Value-Added Products

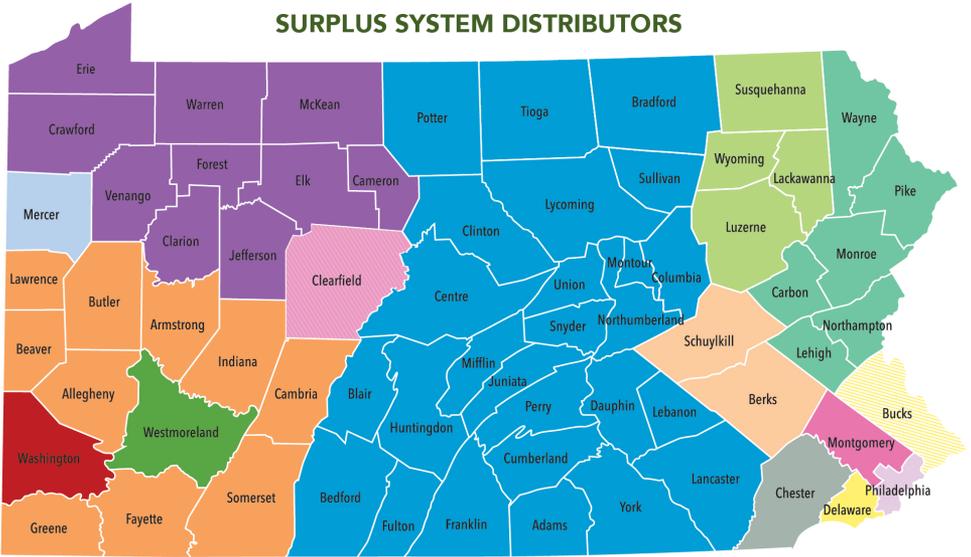
Items such as dairy products, meat, eggs, and shelf-stable items using Pennsylvania-sourced ingredients are much-needed items at food banks and their agencies. These types of products are also eligible to utilize PASS funds.



For more information on how you can get involved with the PASS program, please contact:

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