POTENTIAL FOR MORE IMPACT

The current $1 million appropriation only covers a portion of the nutritious bounty that could be brought into the charitable food system through PASS to help nourish the 1.7 million Pennsylvanians who struggle to put food on the table. For this reason, we are advocating for an increase to $3 million for this vital initiative.

HOW IS PASS DISTRIBUTED?

Using the State Food Purchase Program formula, all 67 counties receive a PASS allocation. Since 2015, PASS funds have helped in the distribution of 5 million lbs of fresh Pennsylvania-produced food to 67 counties and more than 850,000 households.

WHAT DOES PASS FUNDING COVER?

- Cost for farmers to harvest surplus product from the field
- Cost to package product
- Cost for value added product (ie: processing milk into cheese)
- Transportation to get the product to the food bank

PASS PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS SYSTEM

The Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) is an innovative program for accessing healthy and nutritious surplus food produced by Pennsylvania farmers in an effort to share these products with Pennsylvania families in need. Through PASS, the PA Department of Agriculture provides funding to cover the costs associated with harvesting, processing, packaging, and transporting surplus products including fruits, vegetables, eggs, dairy, poultry, pork, beef, and grains (much-needed items at food banks and their agencies) in order to donate those items to the charitable food system. Significant portions of the product obtained through PASS is food that is perfectly nutritious and edible but might otherwise become waste.

In its first year of funding, PASS had a positive impact for Pennsylvania agricultural producers, local food sourcing, and Pennsylvanians in need.

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture allocates funding for PASS.

Pennsylvania producers use the money to harvest surplus product.

Pennsylvania families in need get access to fresh food!

POTENTIAL FOR MORE IMPACT

“We now have a mechanism for our farm to recover a portion of the fixed costs associated with packaging and distribution of our donated potatoes. Thus, providing a benefit to our farming operation, while at the same time benefiting the charitable food system and those that it serves. It has truly been a win-win.”

- Dave Masser, President, Sterman Masser, Inc.
PASS SUPPLIERS

Apple Castle, LLC
Bear Mountain Orchards, Inc.
Beaver Meadow Creamery, Inc.
Bechdolt Orchard’s
Benedict Produce, LLC
Bream Orchards, LLC
Brian Sching’s Farm
Broad Wing Farm
Burch Farms
Butter Valley Harvest
Cedar Dream Farm
Chester County Food Bank
Clarion River Organics
Clemens Food Group
Copenhaver Produce
Country Gardens Produce
Country Hill Produce
David Esh
Dawson’s Orchards, Inc.
Dries Orchard

Eagle Road Produce
Eckert Farms
Four Seasons Farm Market
Frankenfield Farm
Frecon Fruit Farms
Furmano Foods
Gerald R. King
Greener Partners
Harrisburg Dairies, Inc.
Heller Orchards
Hess Bros. Fruit Company
Hess Farms
Hillandale Farms
Hilltop Greenhouse
HP Hood LLC
Hunter Brothers
IHarvest, Inc.
Jim’s Farm Produce
John Schultz and Sons
King Acre Ranch, LLC

Kings Kreamery
Kistaco Farm
Klenz Brothers Farms
Kolbs Farm Store
Kunzler & Company, Inc.
Lady Moon Farms
Land O’ Lakes, Inc.
Laubscher Cheese Co., Ltd.
Laurel Vista Inc./DBA
Lawrence Breauchy
Leola Produce Auction
Living Hope Farms
Long Acres Potato Farms
Lucas Farms Produce Center, Inc.
M. Levin & Company, Inc.
Marshalek’s Fruit Farm
Mason Farms, LLC 2011
Masser Potato Farms
Mast Farms

Meadow Brook Dairy - Erie
Merrymead Farm, Inc.
Nebraskaland
Nell, Jackie and Wes
NEMA Food Company
Norman Darling & Sons Farms
North American Produce Company
Penn Cheese
Pennypack Farm
Pete and Gerry’s Organic, LLC
Pete’s Produce Farm
Pocono Mountain Dairies
Red Earth Farm
Rice Fruit Company
RineheimerFarms, LLC
Rowlands PA Produce
Ryeco, LLC
Sandy Ridge Farm

Sauer, R.W. Inc.
Schneider’s Dairy, Inc.
Scholl Orchards
Sennak Farms
Shady Brook Farm
Share Nice Roots Farm
Smith Provision Company, Inc.
Somerset County Mobile Food Bank
Sunny Harvest, LLC
Sunset Farm
Swiss Premium - Lebanon
Taproot Farm
Titusville Dairy
Tri County Produce Auction
Twin Maple Farms
Valley Farms Dairy
Weaver’s Orchard, Inc.
Wexford Farms, Inc.

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