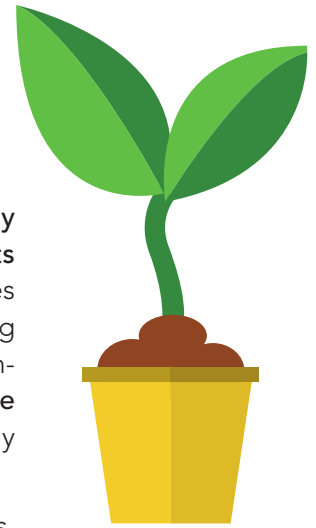


PASS PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS SYSTEM

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!

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

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.



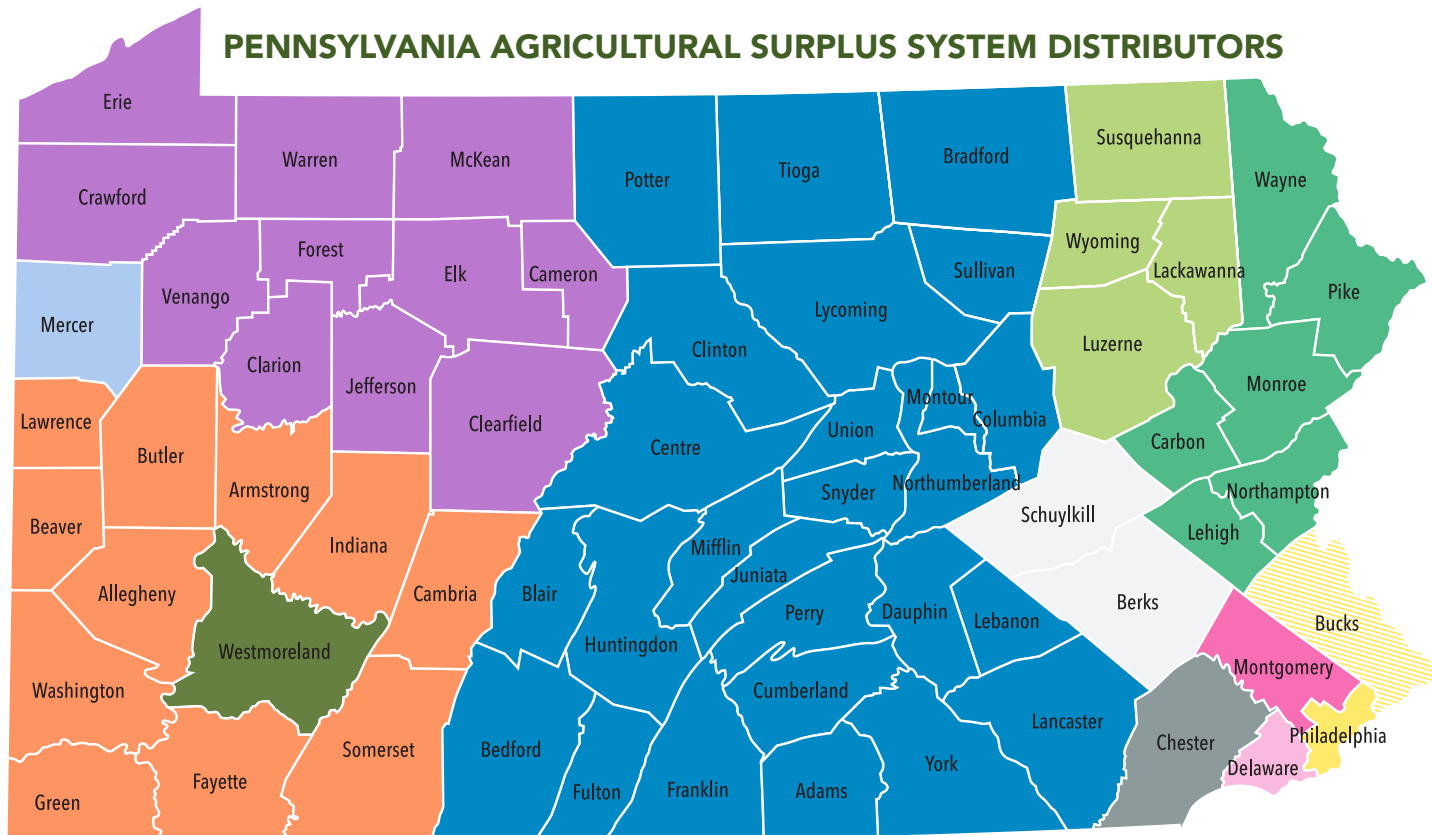
"We now have a mechanism for our farm to recover a portion of the fixed costs associated with packaging and distribution of our donated potatoes. Thus, providing a benefit to our farming operation, while at the same time benefiting the charitable food system and those that it serves. It has truly been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

- Dave Masser, President, Stermann Masser, Inc.

PASS SUPPLIERS

Apple Castle, LLC	Eagle Road Produce	Kings Creamery	Meadow Brook Dairy - Erie	Sauder, R.W. Inc.
Bear Mountain Orchards, Inc.	Eckert Farms	Kistaco Farm	Merrymeade Farm, Inc.	Schneider's Dairy, Inc.
Beaver Meadow Creamery, Inc.	Four Seasons Farm Market	Klenz Brothers Farms	Nebraskaland	Scholl Orchards
Bechdolt Orchard's	Frankenfield Farm	Kolbs Farm Store	Nell, Jackie and Wes	Sernak Farms
Benedict Produce, LLC	Freon Fruit Farms	Kunzler & Company, Inc.	NEMA Food Company	Shady Brook Farm
Bream Orchards, LLC	Furmano Foods	Lady Moon Farms	Norman Darling & Sons Farms	Share Nice Roots Farm
Brian Sching's Farm	Gerald R. King	Land O' Lakes, Inc.	North American Produce Company	Smith Provision Company, Inc.
Broad Wing Farm	Greener Partners	Laubscher Cheese Co., Ltd.	Penn Cheese	Somerset County Mobile Food Bank
Burch Farms	Harrisburg Dairies, Inc.	Laurel Vista Inc./DBA	Pennypack Farm	Sunny Harvest, LLC
Butter Valley Harvest	Heller Orchards	Lawrence Breauchy	Pete and Gerry's Organic, LLC	Sunset Farm
Cedar Dream Farm	Hess Bros. Fruit Company	Leola Produce Auction	Pete's Produce Farm	Swiss Premium - Lebanon
Chester County Food Bank	Hess Farms	Living Hope Farms	Pocono Mountain Dairies	Taproot Farm
Clarion River Organics	Hillandale Farms	Long Acres Potato Farms	Red Earth Farm	Titusville Dairy
Clemens Food Group	Hilltop Greenhouse	Lucas Farms Produce Center, Inc.	Rice Fruit Company	Tri County Produce Auction
Copenhaver Produce	HP Hood LLC	M. Levin & Company, Inc.	Rinehimer Farms, LLC	Twin Maple Farms
Country Gardens Produce	Hunter Brothers	Marshalek's Fruit Farm	Rowlands PA Produce	Valley Farms Dairy
Country Hill Produce	IHarvest, Inc.	Mason Farms, LLC 2011	Ryeco, LLC	Weaver's Orchard, Inc.
David Esh	Jim's Farm Produce	Masser Potato Farms	Sandy Ridge Farm	Wexford Farms, Inc.
Dawson's Orchards, Inc.	John Schultz and Sons	Mast Farms		
Dries Orchard	King Acre Ranch, LLC			

PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS SYSTEM DISTRIBUTORS



 Central Pennsylvania Food Bank	 Share Food/Montco Hunger Solutions	 Westmoreland County Food Bank
 Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County	 Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley & Northeast PA	 H&J Weinberg NEPA Regional Food Bank
 Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	 Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania and Central Pennsylvania Food Bank	 Greater Berks Food Bank
 Philabundance/Share Food	 Chester County Food Bank	 Bucks County Opportunity Council
 Philabundance		

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