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.

PASS has had a positive impact for Pennsylvania agricultural producers, local food sourcing, and Pennsylvanians in need since 2015.

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 11 million lbs of fresh Pennsylvania-produced food to an average of 409,000 households per year.

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 $1.5 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 1.5 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, Sterman Masser, Inc.
FY20 PASS SUPPLIERS

Allegheny Valley Farms
Apple Castle, LLC
Bear Mountain Orchards, Inc.
Beaver Meadow Creamery, INC.
Bechdolt Orchard's
Benedict Produce LLC
Bream Orchards, LLC
Brian Campbell Farm
Brian Sching's Farm
Brown's Orchards & Farm Market
Butch Farms
Butcher's Farm Market
Butter Valley Harvest
Castle Valley Mill
Cedar Dream Farm
Charlestown Cooperative Farm
Chester County Food Bank
Christner Farms, LLC
Claron River Organics
Clemens Food Group
Copenhaver Produce
Country Gardens Produce
Country Hill Produce
Crowd Cow, Inc.
David Esh
dawson's Orchards, Inc.
Dries Orchard
Duda's Farm, INC
Eagle Road Produce
Ekert Farms
Farmer’s Pride, Inc.
Four Seasons Farm Market
Frankenfield Farm
Frecon Fruit Farms
Fullers Overlook Farm
Furmano Foods
Gerald R. King
Glen Willow Orchards
Greener Partners
Greensgrow
Harrisburg Dairies, INC.
Harvest Valley Farms
Heller Orchards
Hepler Beef
Hess Bros. Fruit Company
Hess Farms
Highland Orchards, Inc.
Hilandale Farms
Hills of Home Farms
Hilltop Greenhouse
HP Hood LLC
Hunter Brothers
HARTHARVEST, INC.
Jack's Farm
Jim’s Farm Produce
John Schultz & Sons
John Weaver’s Farm
K. Heeps, Inc.
Kean Company, INC.
Kessler’s, Inc.
Kings Acre Ranch LLC
Kings Kreamery
Kistaco Farm
Klenz Brothers Farms
Koch’s Turkey Farm
Kolb's Farm Store
Kunzler & Company, Inc.
Lady Moon Farms
Land O' Lakes, INC.
Laubscher Cheese Co., Ltd.
Laurel Vista, Inc./DBA
Lawrence Breachy
Leola Produce Auction
Living Hope Farms
LMT Greenhouse, LLC
Long Acres Potato Farms
Lucas Farms Produce Center, Inc.
M. Levin & Company INC.
Marshalek’s Fruit Farm
Mason Farms
Masser Potato Farms
Mast Farms
Meadow Brook Dairy - Erie
Merryneath Farm, Inc.
Morning Glory Hill Greenhouse
Nebokaland
Nell, Jackie & Wes
Nema Food Company
Norman Darling & Sons Farms
North American Produce Company
Penn Cheese
Pennypack Farm
Pete & Gerry's Organic, LLC
Pete’s Produce Farm
Pocoono Mountain Dairies
Procacci Brothers
Red Earth Farm
Rice Fruit Company
Rineheimer Farms, LLC
Rising Spring Meat Co.
Rowlands Pennsylvania Produce
RYECO, LLC
Sandy Ridge Farm
Sauder, R.W., Inc.
Schneider’s Dairy, Inc.
Scholl Orchards
Sennak Farms
Shady Brook Farm
Share Nice Roots Farm
Simmons Farm, INC
Smith Provision Company, INC.
Somerset County Mobile Food Bank
Sunny Harvest LLC
Sunset Farm
Swiss Premium - Lebanon
Taproot Farm
Titzelvoile Dairy
Trax Farms, INC.
Tri County Produce Auction
Triple B Farms, LLC
Twin Maple Farms
Twin Spring Fruit Farm
Village Acre Farms
Vollmecke Orchards
Warrington Farm
Weaver’s Orchard, Inc.
Wexford Farms, Inc.
Wick & Brother, INC
Winterside Farm
Yarnicks Farm, LLC

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

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