

# 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.

## HOW IS PASS DISTRIBUTED?

- Feeding Pennsylvania is the statewide contractor for PASS through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.
- Feeding PA subcontracts with 13 partner food banks to administer the program.
- PASS dollars are allocated to serve each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties using the State Food Purchase Program formula.

## PASS FUNDING COVERS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH:

- Harvesting surplus product from the field
- Creating a value added product (ie: processing milk into cheese)
- Transportation to get the product to the food bank
- Packaging the product

## POTENTIAL FOR MORE IMPACT

PASS has been steadily funded at \$1.5 million since 2017, which only covers a portion of the nutritious bounty that could be recovered from farms and processors. COVID-19 revealed the fragility of our country's food system, as well as the resilience of our agriculture community. The connection between farms and food banks has never been more significant. For this reason, we are advocating for an **increase of \$3.5 million** to make the PASS program a **\$5 million program**. This investment will allow PASS to benefit more farmers and create more opportunities for innovative collaboration that will benefit agriculture and the charitable food network. A true win-win.



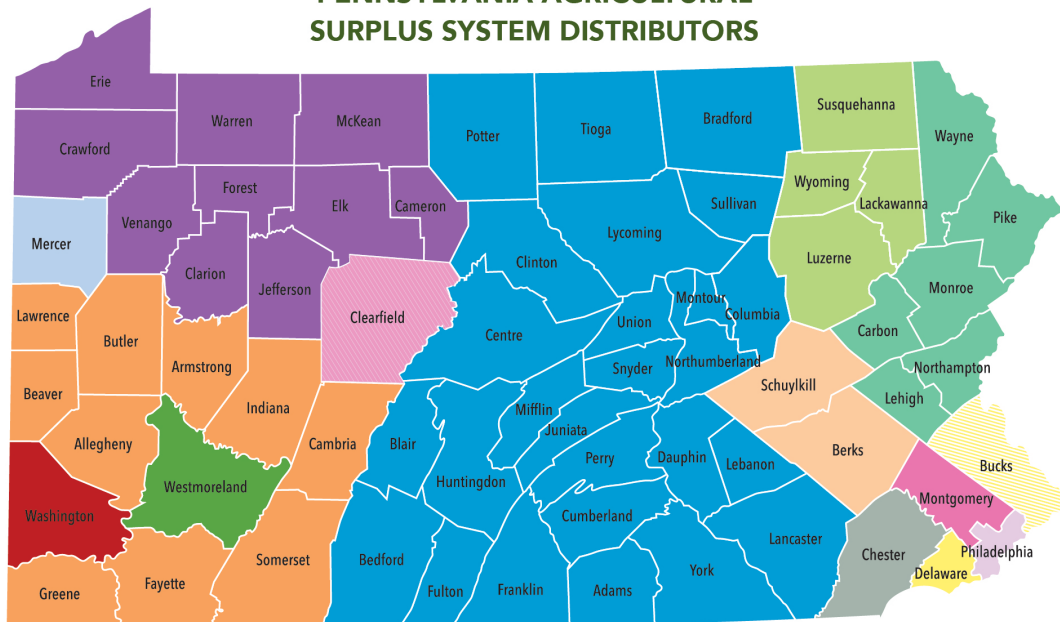
“Working with the food banks and the PASS program has been a really big help for our business. The program allows us to utilize Pennsylvania dairy to support our yogurt and cheese production. The assistance from the PASS program has made our family business a success.”

- Jake Beiler,  
Sunset Farms

# PASS SUPPLIERS

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

## PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS SYSTEM DISTRIBUTORS



- 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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