

Feeding Pennsylvania

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State association of Feeding America food banks

Healthy Pantry Initiative

Nine member food banks covering all 67 counties across the Commonwealth

Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative

- 2,700+ distribution agencies and feeding programs
- 164 million pounds of food annually
- Over 2 million Pennsylvanians served

PASS Program and USDA programs

Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS)

Two million Pennsylvanians struggling with hunger everyday

PASS designed to help reduce waste of surplus product from local farms and provide increased access to nutritious foods

- 1.8m pounds distributed during 2020-2021 program year (\$1.5m budget)
- Over 484,000 households served

Costs include:

- Harvesting – Processing – Packaging – Transportation
- Prices determined between vendor and food bank

Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS)

Surplus at Harvest

- Working together with food banks with product in acceptable condition to determine need

Value-Added Products

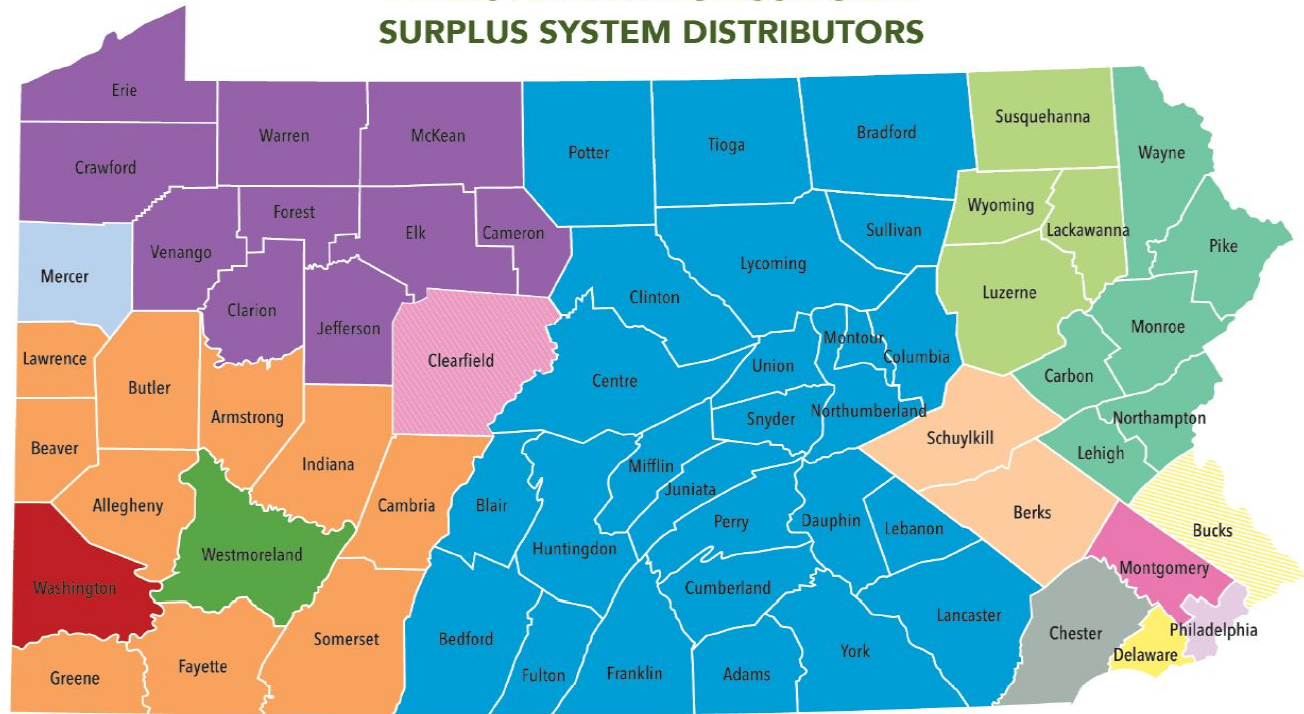
- Dairy products, meats, eggs, shelf-stable items

Contract Planting

- Working with your regional food bank to plan a portion of your production (product, quantity, related costs)

Food bank partners

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

Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) Program

Local Food Purchase Assistance Program

- American Rescue Plan / Build Back Better
- Evolved from the CFAP Food Box program
- Assisting local producers of all sizes get their fresh products into the charitable food system
- Focus on socially disadvantaged producers
- Direct-to-Agency option available

Goals of the program

- Maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency
- Provide funding to local, regional, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers through the purchase of domestic local foods
 - Foods will meet needs of population through charitable food distribution, including organizations that reach underserved communities
- Food banks working with vendors for fair prices that help assist vendors while allowing food banks to maximize their impact

Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) Program

Eligible Products

- All products must be grown or raised within Pennsylvania
- Dairy products
- Meat (must be processed at USDA-inspected plant)
- Eggs
- Fruit, vegetables, potatoes
- Value-added items, if ingredients were grown in Pennsylvania

Eligible costs for reimbursement

- Product costs
- Itemized costs, including:
 - Harvesting
 - Processing
 - Packaging
 - Transportation

Additional food assistance programs

Farm to Food Bank Program

- Building relationships between producers and the charitable food network via donated food products
- Eligible itemized costs are covered – Harvesting, Processing, Packaging, and Transportation

Bid/Buy/Donate Program

Youth livestock auctions and County/Regional fairs

1. Youth participants sell their animals and keep the proceeds
 2. Winning bidder donates animal to local food bank & may be eligible for tax benefit
 3. PASS funds are used to cover processing, packaging, and transportation costs
- Partners include fair leadership, livestock superintendents, agriculture educators & 4-H/FFA, and USDA-certified processors

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