

AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS ALLOW PENNSYLVANIA'S FARMS AND FAMILIES TO **THRIVE**

PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS SYSTEM (PASS)



Designed to support PA's agricultural producers in weathering the whims of mother nature and market pressures, the **Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS)** pays producers for wholesome food products. Through PASS, farmers receive payment for their excess product which is then directed to Pennsylvania food banks instead of being left in fields or landfilled.

GROW YOUR BUSINESS. GET INVOLVED.

🌿 SURPLUS FOOD PRODUCTS

Have surplus products? We'll work with you to divert your wholesome food products to families who need them most, and you'll be paid a fair price for your products.

🌿 VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

Items like dairy products, meat, eggs, and shelf-stable products made with ingredients sourced from PA are in high-demand at food banks and their agencies.

🌿 PRODUCE PLANNING

Growers interested in participating can work with their regional food bank to plan for needed products for the upcoming season. As supply is available for the food bank, it can then be purchased using PASS dollars to be distributed locally in your area.

🌿 MAKING CONNECTIONS

Don't have time to locate and connect with your local food pantries? Feeding PA will help you connect to a network of food banks and their agency partners, making it easier for you to move your products into the charitable food system for the greatest impact.



BID. BUY. DONATE.

The **Bid. Buy. Donate.** program connects youth livestock auctions at PA county fairs and farm shows to local charitable food networks. When a buyer at a youth livestock auction chooses to donate an animal to the local food bank, the PASS program provides funding to cover the transportation, processing and packaging costs. Donated beef cattle, hogs, sheep and goats are eligible for this program.

HOW IT WORKS

BID

1 When youth sell animals (ex. cattle, hogs, goats, lambs) at local fairs, the winning bidder can opt to donate the animal to a local food bank.

BUY

2 Meat processing, packaging and transportation costs at a USDA certified processor are covered by funding from the PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS).

DONATE

3 The processed meat is then donated to food banks and will provide local families who are facing hunger with nutritious, local food.

BENEFITTING YOUTH AGRICULTURE AND PA COMMUNITIES

-  **Youth** auction their animals at local fairs, earning funds for goals such as college, technical schools or training programs.
-  **Fairs** strengthen relationships with local communities by enabling donations to stay local and support neighbors facing hunger.
-  **Buyers** who choose to donate the animal(s) they purchase through the program are eligible for a tax benefit.
-  **Food Banks** use PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) funding to cover the processing, packaging, and transportation costs of nutritious meat products for local communities.

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