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Overview

According to data compiled by Feeding America, 1,353,730 Pennsylvanians (10.6% of all state residents) were food insecure in 2019. In other words, they did not always have enough money to buy sufficient food for themselves or their families and might have been at risk of hunger. That included 383,500 children under the age of 18, or 14.6% of all children in Pennsylvania. In 2020, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, these numbers grew substantially. Feeding America projects the number of Pennsylvanians facing food insecurity has grown to 1,772,340 in 2020 (13.8% of all state residents), an increase of 30%. Even more startling, these projections indicate that 20.4% of all children in Pennsylvania (537,080) lived in households that were food insecure in 2020, an increase of nearly 40% in just one year. As a result of this dramatic increase in need, Pennsylvania's food banks and pantries continue to report sustained high levels of demand for emergency food assistance.

This report, as required by Section 7(b) of the State Food Purchase Program Act (62 P.S. Section 4047(b)), will provide insight to members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly on the activities of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Assistance. This includes detailed statistics on the allocation and expenditure of funds; participation in the State Food Purchase Program; and the variety, pounds, and cost of food purchased. This report covers the time period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Included in this report are also several appendices reporting on the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System, a line item included in the state budget appropriation for the State Food Purchase Program. These appendices describe the program and provide detailed information on the sources, types, and pounds of distributed, and the number of households served by the distributions. Reporting on PASS covers the time period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Food Assistance Background

The Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Assistance (Bureau) helps facilitate the movement of food from farms, processors, and other channels to those at risk of hunger. In addition to work on the State Food Purchase Program (SFPP), the Bureau distributes United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods (i.e., commodities) through programs like the National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program, as well as The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). The Bureau also manages the Farmers Market Nutrition Program and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and administers the Pennsylvania Agriculture Surplus System.

More details regarding these programs are provided in appendices E and F.

Protecting Those Who Are at Risk

One of the cornerstones of the Bureau of Food Assistance is the State Food Purchase Program. Pennsylvania was the first state to provide state-funded food assistance to those in need, due in large part to the support provided through the SFPP.

This program provides cash grants to counties for the wholesale purchase of food at competitively bid prices or better. Pennsylvania's SFPP is one of the largest programs of its kind across the country and reflects the commonwealth's determination to address food insecurity.

SFPP grants are allocated to county commissioners for distribution, allowing local officials to meet local needs. Local entities involved in SFPP include faith-based organizations, community groups, civic groups, and other non-profit organizations. All are eligible for funds and food products.

Eligible recipients include those who are living in households with incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. This often includes those who are receiving unemployment compensation, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, and/or medical assistance.

Guidelines are also in place to ensure that the food being purchased and distributed to SFPP participants provides sound nutritional value. The "Food Standard Guidelines for State Food Purchase Program (SFPP)" is available on the Department of Agriculture's website at www.agriculture.pa.gov.

State Food Purchase Program Activity in 2019-2020

Pursuant to regulation (7 Pa. Code § 160.18(b)), the activity of the State Food Purchase Program is included in this report. Full details are included in appendices A through C.

Allocation and Expenditure of Grant Funds

Cost of Food Purchased	\$16,342,019
Cost of Equipment Purchased	\$ 71,875
Cost of Other Activities	\$ 0
Administrative Costs	\$ 1,652,149
Committed Funds	\$ 78,282

Additional detailed information is found under Appendix A.

Individuals Served

Many of those served by the program are supported by meals and supplemental nutrition products more than once in any given year. A breakdown of service is included in Appendix B of this report. The department has estimated that more than 2 million individuals were served by SFPP in 2019-2020. This number includes children, adults, and older Pennsylvanians.

Note: this information is provided by each county and duplication is possible. Also note that several counties only collected the number of households served during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Households Served

The 2019-2020 fiscal year saw 927,269 households served across Pennsylvania. A detailed breakdown of the households served by county is included in Appendix B of this report.

Food Distributed by Food Type

A variety of food is distributed through SFPP. Appendix C includes a full breakdown by county of the pounds and cost per pound of food provided. As food prices vary by region, a statewide price is not available. The quantity of food distributed statewide is listed in Table 1.

Cost of Food Purchased

The total cost of the food purchased in 2019-20 was \$16,342,019. Cost per pound range is based on local market conditions, making it difficult to create a statewide cost per pound. The cost per pound is available for each commodity at the county level. This information is included in Appendix C of this report.

Table 1: Commodities Distributed

Commodity	Pounds Distributed
Meat	2,668,010
Poultry	1,679,637
Dairy	2,692,626
Vegetables	7,356,517
Fruit	4,223,795
Grains	3,593,390
Other	3,171,959
Infant Formula	30,772

In addition to the commodities listed above, Venango County used vouchers totaling \$27,948. Vouchers were provided to recipients having special dietary needs, and for holiday food baskets when food storage is an issue.

Emergency Food Assistance Advisory Committee

A provision of the State Food Purchase Program Act is the creation of an Emergency Food Assistance Advisory Committee. Established by Section 6 of Act 129 of 1992, the committee meets twice per year to provide information, advice, and guidance to the department on the operation of the State Food Purchase Program, as well as other food assistance programs administered by the Bureau.

Members of the Emergency Food Assistance Advisory Committee are experts in different areas of emergency feeding and nutrition. These members are appointed to the committee by the Secretary of Agriculture, and full membership must be between 10 and 15 members. No more than three members may be state employees.

By regulation (7 Pa. Code § 160.17), the membership is:

- Secretary of Agriculture or designee
- SFPP Administrator
- Representative of the Governor’s Office
- Regional food bank representatives (two members)
- County government/Emergency food provider representatives (two to four members)

- Food and nutrition advocate representatives (two to four members)
- Dietician, nutritionist, or other person trained in nutrition (one member)

Minutes from the 2019-20 meetings are included in Appendix D of this report.

Summary

The SFPP administered by the Bureau of Food Assistance represents a significant portion of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's budget and acts as a key support system for the estimated 2 million individuals in Pennsylvania who face hunger daily. These efforts are collaborative, as county governments and local food assistance agencies across the commonwealth are vested partners in alleviating food insecurity.

The Department of Agriculture remains steadfast in the belief that this is a time when we must continue to support the charitable food system to the fullest extent possible.

Appendix "A"	State Food Purchase Program									
December, 2020	Fiscal Year 2019-2020									
	Summary of Counties' Allocation and Expenditure of Funds									
	Dollar				Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost			
County	Share of	Interest	Carryover	Total Funds	of Food	Equipment	Other	Administrative	Funds	Remaining
	\$18,188,000			Available	Purchased	Purchased	Activities	Costs	Committed	Balance
Adams	\$91,306.05			\$91,306.05	\$77,610.14			\$13,695.91		\$0.00
Allegheny	\$1,521,301.31	\$1,334.69	\$59.90	\$1,522,695.90	\$1,296,932.65			\$225,703.38		\$59.87
Armstrong	\$100,806.91	\$59.47		\$100,866.38	\$93,254.69			\$7,611.69		\$0.00
Beaver	\$229,521.20	\$14.90		\$229,536.10	\$195,107.92			\$34,428.18		(\$0.00)
Bedford				\$0.00						\$0.00
Berks	\$610,267.35	\$15.00		\$610,282.35	\$610,283.59					(\$1.24)
Blair	\$206,305.81	\$75.27	\$23.36	\$206,404.44	\$175,722.66			\$30,681.78		(\$0.00)
Bradford	\$85,263.04			\$85,263.04	\$77,672.06	\$949.00		\$6,633.53		\$8.45
Bucks	\$482,699.60			\$482,699.60	\$421,727.18			\$60,972.42		(\$0.00)
Butler	\$174,367.31			\$174,367.31	\$156,275.50			\$26,155.10		(\$8,063.29)
Cambria	\$222,930.47	\$21.15	\$7.17	\$222,958.79	\$203,038.42	\$1,578.00		\$18,339.02		\$3.35
Cameron	\$8,635.47			\$8,635.47	\$7,928.01			\$707.46		(\$0.00)
Carbon	\$88,337.49	\$31.42	\$1.15	\$88,370.06	\$83,790.20			\$4,579.86		\$0.00
Centre	\$89,955.00	\$10.00		\$89,965.00	\$82,769.00			\$7,196.00		\$0.00
Chester	\$324,350.81			\$324,350.81	\$297,778.59			\$26,572.22		(\$0.00)
Clarion	\$50,363.29	\$0.56		\$50,363.85	\$44,278.73			\$6,085.12		(\$0.00)
Clearfield	\$125,329.48			\$125,329.48	\$115,101.00			\$10,267.00		(\$38.52)
Clinton	\$55,219.60			\$55,219.60	\$55,219.60					\$0.00
Columbia	\$79,869.97			\$79,869.97	\$68,935.29					\$10,934.68
Crawford	\$126,008.63	\$21.00		\$126,029.63	\$71,555.00	\$398.00		\$18,901.30	\$35,181.33	(\$6.00)
Cumberland	\$204,118.64	\$4.42		\$204,123.06	\$187,096.36			\$17,026.70		\$0.00
Dauphin	\$441,895.58			\$441,895.58	\$441,895.58					\$0.00
Delaware	\$735,658.89	\$30.56		\$735,689.45	\$674,825.00	\$1,124.00		\$59,740.45		\$0.00
Elk	\$35,352.52			\$35,352.52	\$32,456.29			\$2,896.23		\$0.00
Erie	\$506,477.28			\$506,477.28	\$430,829.36			\$50,900.98	\$24,750.76	(\$3.82)
Fayette	\$275,652.55	\$367.11		\$276,019.66	\$219,516.04	\$15,155.74		\$41,347.88		(\$0.00)
Forest	\$6,952.20	\$0.06		\$6,952.26	\$6,211.48					\$740.78
Franklin	\$175,258.24			\$175,258.24	\$148,969.51			\$26,288.73		(\$0.00)
Fulton	\$19,761.19	\$3.45		\$19,764.64	\$15,713.96	\$1,086.50		\$2,964.18		\$0.00
Greene	\$62,876.52	\$1.04		\$62,877.56	\$63,202.59			\$15.00		(\$340.03)
Huntingdon	\$58,703.00	\$4.47		\$58,707.47	\$52,449.08	\$77.00		\$6,181.39		(\$0.00)
Indiana	\$110,322.36	\$2.12		\$110,324.48	\$98,226.38			\$12,095.98	\$484.26	(\$482.14)

County	Dollar Share of \$18,188,000	Interest	Carryover	Total Funds Available	Total Cost of Food Purchased	Total Cost Equipment Purchased	Total Cost Other Activities	Administrative Costs	Funds Committed	Remaining Balance
Jefferson	\$65,494.55	\$0.64		\$65,495.19	\$57,635.16			\$7,860.03		(\$0.00)
Juniata	\$25,570.51	\$12.54	\$1.06	\$25,584.11	\$25,583.99					\$0.12
Lackawanna	\$365,173.08	\$7.98		\$365,181.06	\$348,108.93			\$18,834.23		(\$1,762.10)
Lancaster	\$560,820.55			\$560,820.55	\$478,073.41			\$82,747.14		\$0.00
Lawrence	\$148,563.12	\$127.56	\$13.27	\$148,703.95	\$126,416.51			\$22,284.46		\$2.98
Lebanon	\$175,024.56			\$175,024.56	\$141,163.00	\$9,203.11		\$25,531.90		(\$873.45)
Lehigh	\$563,942.47	\$5.38		\$563,947.85	\$518,979.49			\$45,115.40		(\$147.04)
Luzerne	\$580,742.41			\$580,742.41	\$530,332.30			\$50,410.11		\$0.00
Lycoming	\$171,004.40			\$171,004.40	\$171,004.40					\$0.00
McKean	\$70,139.08	\$93.59	\$6,398.84	\$76,631.51	\$63,898.26	\$ 763.20		\$10,520.87		\$1,449.18
Mercer	\$175,733.24	\$453.58		\$176,186.82	\$159,461.78	\$ 7,689.03		\$13,494.01		-\$4,458.00
Mifflin	\$70,485.97	\$21.39		\$70,507.36	\$62,332.85			\$8,173.56		\$0.95
Monroe	\$239,011.09	\$1,968.11		\$240,979.20	\$215,530.68	\$ 6,853.52		\$18,595.00		(\$0.00)
Montgomery	\$644,535.41	\$16.34		\$644,551.75	\$584,255.52			\$60,296.23		(\$0.00)
Montour	\$18,194.76	\$1,630.19		\$19,824.95	\$13,696.16			\$2,729.22		\$3,399.57
Northampton	\$351,093.42	\$4.25		\$351,097.67	\$323,126.90			\$28,087.47		(\$116.70)
Northumberland	\$143,235.77			\$143,235.77	\$119,193.94	\$ 2,556.46		\$21,485.37		(\$0.00)
Perry	\$47,153.74			\$47,153.74	\$43,383.66	\$ 1,613.98		\$3,770.08		(\$1,613.98)
Philadelphia	\$4,321,811.15	\$13,093.00		\$4,334,904.15	\$3,967,749.60			\$354,061.55		\$13,093.00
Pike	\$68,072.40			\$68,072.40	\$64,372.92	\$ 311.17		\$3,388.31		(\$0.00)
Potter	\$25,921.05	\$15.59	\$271.11	\$26,207.75	\$24,481.45			\$3,888.00		(\$2,161.70)
Schuylkill	\$221,028.12		\$26,255.82	\$247,283.94	\$191,317.90	\$ 4,956.10		\$33,154.22	\$17,855.72	\$0.00
Snyder	\$38,799.41			\$38,799.41	\$35,622.77			\$3,178.61		(\$1.97)
Somerset	\$102,523.05	\$1.20		\$102,524.25	\$91,873.43	\$ 2,448.98		\$8,201.84		\$0.00
Sullivan	\$6,546.90	\$0.59	\$3.14	\$6,550.63	\$6,540.72				\$9.91	(\$0.00)
Susquehanna	\$50,334.08	\$158.02	\$155.31	\$50,647.41	\$43,097.30			\$7,550.11		(\$0.00)
Tioga	\$59,086.40			\$59,086.40	\$59,086.40					\$0.00
Union	\$34,640.51			\$34,640.51	\$31,690.79	\$ 111.83		\$2,837.89		\$0.00
Venango	\$85,445.61	\$87.25	\$87.25	\$85,620.11	\$58,354.05	\$ 2,709.96		\$4,697.91		\$19,858.19
Warren	\$56,037.51	\$3.71		\$56,041.22	\$47,787.25			\$8,174.55		\$79.42
Washington	\$248,763.88	\$147.61		\$248,911.49	\$202,382.14	\$ 8,564.40		\$37,314.58		\$650.37
Wayne	\$66,359.92	\$5.30	\$4,279.90	\$70,645.12	\$61,757.74	\$ 3,724.53		\$5,162.85		(\$0.00)
Westmoreland	\$427,731.93	\$91.75		\$427,823.68	\$394,619.86			\$33,203.82		\$0.00
Wyoming	\$36,258.06	\$5.03	\$312.45	\$36,575.54	\$31,163.40			\$5,412.53		(\$0.39)
York	\$545,572.39			\$545,572.39	\$541,572.39			\$4,000.00		\$0.00
		\$19,947	\$37,869.73	\$18,174,535	\$16,342,018.91	\$71,874.51	\$0.00	\$1,652,149.34	\$78,281.98	

Appendix B		State Food Purchase Program				
December, 2020		Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020				
		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020				
County	Households	Children	Adults	Elderly	Soup Kitchens	Onsite Meals
Adams	2,319	2,545	3,338	894	0	0
Allegheny	220,574	113,830	190,062	99,242	328,497	1,291,607
Armstrong	1,168	609	1,345	939	0	0
Beaver	8,454	5,740	7,222	4,388	20,155	0
Bedford	1,099	596	1,244	627	0	0
Berks	28,785	44,821	44,917	12,132	345,802	1,034,711
Blair	8,953	10,545	11,098	1,308	3,420	0
Bradford***	6,275	4,738	7,206	2,673	0	0
Bucks	9,305	11,649	14,854	3,538	0	39,132
Butler	2,372	1,334	2,900	935	0	0
Cambria***	22,976	14,620	25,317	13,775	51,862	0
Cameron	223	163	234	89	0	0
Carbon	496	500	810	275	0	0
Centre	2,184	1,197	2,309	1,027	0	0
Chester	10,317	8,513	12,407	3,324	45,386	44,304
Clarion	289	140	278	172	0	0
Clearfield	1,568	898	1,788	912	0	0
Clinton	2,819	2,569	3,976	1,755	4,489	0
Columbia	3,843	1,534	3,134	3,187	0	0
Crawford	4,197	3,357	5,252	1,882	0	0
Cumberland***	28,221	27,281	41,203	16,152	29,192	0
Dauphin**	11,940	13,585	17,600	3,399	115,390	49,216
Delaware	9,635	10,776	13,598	4,289	16,303	9,794
Elk	583	371	702	168	0	0
Erie	5,999	5,357	7,194	2,993	327,079	178,698
Fayette	3,161	1,641	3,439	1,219	0	0
Forest	123	38	97	67	0	0
Franklin	2,023	2,022	3,022	527	0	0
Fulton	1,057	757	1,023	562	0	0
Greene	765	389	739	484	0	0
Huntingdon	4,316	3,614	5,667	2,254	0	0
Indiana	1,510	711	1,765	769	0	0
Jefferson	413	254	513	257	0	0
Juniata	597	220	436	228	0	0
Lackawanna	15,009	17,632	19,717	6,475	67,948	29,793
Lancaster	14,985	15,429	19,911	4,358	81,738	26,468
Lawrence	18,468	7,231	13,552	8,678	0	71,776
Lebanon	1,707	2,326	3,279	534	51,363	0
Lehigh	11,910	17,107	22,960	4,501	85,412	125,012
Luzerne	24,170	22,399	30,766	8,504	186,249	36,936
Lycoming	3,980	3,839	5,463	1,329	0	0
McKean	3,153	1,805	3,923	2,114	0	0
Mercer*	4,829					
Mifflin	1,986	96	164	100	624	684

County	Households	Children	Adults	Elderly	Soup Kitchens	Onsite Meals
Monroe	2,823	3,242	4,952	1,733	26,740	28,473
Montgomery	11,727	13,082	17,769	3,846	102,659	40,339
Montour	210	75	147	174	0	0
Northampton	9,210	8,479	12,590	4,368	69,349	83,155
Northumberland	3,187	2,534	3,806	1,739	0	0
Perry	8,592	6,389	9,645	4,166	0	0
Philadelphia	309,943	261,848	265,653	90,120	574,309	2,473,319
Pike	306	328	457	104	0	0
Potter	643	290	455	411	0	0
Schuylkill	2,972	1,324	3,994	1,451	0	0
Snyder	187	173	282	88	0	0
Somerset	1,839	1,223	2,282	926	0	0
Sullivan	332	236	317	254	0	0
Susquehanna	344	306	410	195	0	0
Tioga	5,434	2,926	5,523	3,496	0	0
Union	569	472	658	324	0	0
Venango	1,386	524	885	286	0	0
Warren	7,618	1,765	7,528	2,654	32,755	0
Washington	25,693	11,797	19,041	15,532	0	0
Wayne	1,189	703	1,204	816	0	0
Westmoreland	9,015	6,506	8,938	6,170	13,394	111,183
Wyoming	558	490	446	281	0	0
York	14,736	16,432	22,348	5,362	113,854	62,007
	927,269	725,922	945,754	367,531	2,693,969	5,736,607
* Mercer County: Only reported the number of households served						
**Dauphin County: During 3 months of COVID-19, pantries only provided the number of households served						
*** Bradford, Cambria, Cumberland, and Lawrence Counties: Figures are based on number of visits annually (duplicates are possible)						

State Food Purchase Program

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

"Variety, Pounds and Cost of Food Purchased"

County	Meat		Poultry		Dairy		Vegetables		Fruits		Grains		Other		Formula		Total	Total Cost	Average	Vouchers
	LBS.	Cost	LBS.	Cost	LBS.	Cost	LBS.	Cost	LBS.	Cost	LBS.	Cost	LBS.	Cost	LBS.	Cost	Pounds or Cases	of Food Purchased	Cost Per Pound	Purchased/ Other
		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.				
Adams	14,054	0.82	9,100	0.71	8,751	0.50	37,210	0.37	34,079	0.57	42,171	0.47	3,139	0.65			148,504	\$77,610.14	\$0.52	
Allegheny	425,664	0.83	213,502	1.08	331,926	0.88	429,312	0.43	422,713	0.47	60,345	0.48	18,490	0.76			1,901,952	\$1,296,932.56	\$0.68	
Armstrong	90,044	0.40	22,799	0.2	26,776	0.53	165,197	0.11	61,901	0.02	75,334	0.27	396	1.08			442,447	\$93,254.69	\$0.21	
Beaver	85,373	0.13	14,369	0.24	129,039	0.14	1,042,498	0.07	177,676	0.1	464,384	0.15					1,913,339	\$195,107.92	\$0.10	
Bedford	10,894	0.67	1,452	0.57	8,919	0.41	29,124	0.32	25,624	0.57	27,854	0.25	30,982	0.58	93	0.17	134,942	\$58,596.49	\$0.43	
Berks	161,178	0.88			337,681	0.29	404,275	0.27	274,781	0.31	299,085	0.39	18,072	3.32			1,495,072	\$610,283.59	\$0.41	
Blair	8,016	2	3,253	2.61	7,211	0.54	57,838	0.73	43,150	0.76	32,122	1.16	26,735	1.31			178,325	\$175,722.66	\$0.99	
Bradford	10,827	0.83	2,178	0.40	6,615	0.34	24,719	0.45	25,480	0.60	27,354	0.47	36,403				133,575	\$77,672.06	\$0.58	
Bucks	21,852	2.51	19,084	2.46	27,081	1.76	90,411	0.91	78,652	0.87	43,505	1.28	54,164	1.12			334,749	\$421,727.18	\$1.26	
Butler	1,661	17.75	432	19.5	200	16.7	1,790	16.11	1,965	20.03	2,795	13.74	490	17.25			9,333	\$156,275.50	\$16.74	
Cambria	22,646	1.47	6,775	1.43	18,571	0.62	67,636	0.63	47,720	0.68	30,902	0.83	67,044	0.71			261,294	\$203,038.42	\$0.78	
Cameron	782	1.79	998	0.79	1,116	0.98	3,399	0.8			1,158	1.58	144	0.65			7,597	\$7,928.01	\$1.04	
Carbon	9,565	1.71	1,556	0.74	4,040	0.99	28,235	0.085	10,783	0.74	9,129	1.4	14,249	1.23	21	0.05	77,578	\$83,790.20	\$1.08	
Centre	11,736	1.79	2,027	1.48	7,108	0.96	24,095	0.71	18,266	0.82	14,135	0.83	12,611	0.65			89,978	\$82,769.00	\$0.92	
Chester	31,468	0.87	51,044	0.79	30,856	0.68	305,028	0.35	103,356	0.53	72,158	0.67					593,910	\$197,778.59	\$0.33	
Clarion	9,171	0.59	1,968	0.63	1,868	0.15	20,443	0.35	10,301	0.44	21,878	0.49	36,625	0.41	51	0.15	102,305	\$44,278.73	\$0.43	
Clearfield	16,953	1.30	5,336	1.32	23,519	0.86	35,877	0.64	16,336	0.72	30,712	0.62	17,484	0.69			146,217	\$115,101.00	\$0.79	
Clinton	11,035	0.89	3,513	0.81	16,119	0.57	23,361	0.4	16,983	0.6	9,312	0.24	18,512	0.63	35	0.17	98,870	\$55,219.60	\$0.56	
Columbia	14,917	1.05	4,644	1.85	3,142	0.63	17,021	0.67	17,141	0.57	13,318	0.32	20,440	0.84			90,623	\$68,935.29	\$0.76	
Crawford	19,192	1.1	1,358	0.95			9,418	0.66	11,523	1.63	5,098	1.35	11,204	1.55			57,792	\$71,555.00	\$1.24	
Cumberland	1,905	0.97	10,072	0.90	45,531	0.41	152,584	0.21	29,067	0.6	63,577	0.2	254,467	0.21	262	0.15	557,465	\$187,096.36	\$0.34	
Dauphin	132,090	0.54	31,844	0.75	148,887	0.42	258,968	0.29	111,400	0.57	122,622	0.28	277,718	0.41	375	0.14	1,083,904	\$441,895.58	\$0.41	
Delaware	64,298	2.31	70,987	1.52	31,057	2.17	113,174	0.89	88,734	1.29	75,424	1.79					443,674	\$674,825.00	\$1.52	
Elk	3,383	1.06	2,658	1.45	1,700	0.91	9,124	0.77	3,211	1.19	6,990	1.52	1,275	1.6			28,341	\$32,456.29	\$1.15	
Erie	173,343	0.48	29,695	0.35	90,639	0.15	442,407	0.24	198,157	0.21	203,730	0.36	332,936	0.38	253	0.15	1,471,160	\$455,580.12	\$0.31	
Fayette	22,596	1.27			23,400	0.52	147,327	0.62	55,611	0.6	51,023	0.91	11,382	0.72			311,340	\$219,516.04	\$0.71	
Forest	1,720	0.83	600	1.37			2,228	0.35	528	0.55	4,967	0.48	2,454	0.51			12,497	\$6,211.48	\$0.50	
Franklin	16,522	1.2	9,532	1.44	25,875	0.88	50,828	0.65	58,236	0.66	37,646	0.57					198,639	\$148,969.51	\$0.75	
Fulton	37,656	0.11	5,758	0.11	14,042	0.11	31,555	0.11	21,143	0.11	24,635	0.11	7,641	0.11	424	0.11	142,854	\$15,713.96	\$0.11	
Greene	43,088	0.29			5,783	0.17	67,949	0.34	41,683	0.33	16,940	0.62	39,031	0.37			214,474	\$63,202.59	\$0.29	
Huntingdon	1,927	3.18	1,592	2.86	542	3.57	9,489	1.01	11,005	1.06	6,241	1.47	7097.00	1.34			37,893	\$52,449.08	\$1.38	
Indiana	4,181	1.48	1,605	3.85	3,000	0.54	29,907	0.71	22,178	0.63	14,204	0.71	46,587	0.84			121,662	\$98,226.38	\$0.81	
Jefferson	14,478	0.66	1,887	0.92	2,468	0.15	43,643	0.31	12,148	0.42	25,463	0.49	34,918	0.42			135,005	\$57,635.16	\$0.43	
Juniata	36,963	0.08	8,306	0.03	23,102	0.02	38,058	0.29	45,869	0.09	16,395	0.21	8,989	0.34			177,682	\$25,583.99	\$0.14	
Lackawanna	39,660	2.44	28,417	0.96	59,083	0.63	71,190	0.83	47,999	0.98	54,564	1.24	11,418	1.16			312,331	\$348,108.93	\$1.11	
Lancaster	96,020	0.82	27,722	1.01	194,335	0.36	273,121	0.31	142,301	0.56	173,884	0.33	135,828	0.59	1,588	0.18	1,044,799	\$478,073.41	\$0.46	
Lawrence	15,273	0.88	3,324	0.65	14,043	0.46	70,052	0.43	37,199	0.5	38,863	0.44	67,397	0.57			246,151	\$126,416.51	\$0.51	
Lebanon	15,989	2.87	2,659	4.2	61,200	0.47	33,621	0.57	19,916	0.96	5,525	1.94	5,660	1.13			144,569	\$141,163.00	\$0.98	
Lehigh	66,776	1.28	59,948	0.85	39,150	0.46	263,743	0.50	164,636	0.45	107,112	0.65	157,262	0.57			858,627	\$518,979.49	\$0.60	
Luzerne	15,825	1.69	143,428	1.16	252	3.57	134,456	0.58	127,195	0.69	61,398	1.11	71,505	0.65			554,059	\$530,332.30	\$0.96	
Lycoming	67,862	0.51	12,367	0.87	37,110	0.46	67,523	0.43	39,122	0.61	52,910	0.32	48,902	0.78	73	0.18	325,869	\$171,004.40	\$0.52	
McKean	10,228	1.12	1,360	1.43	2,932	1.76	22,689	0.61	14,753	0.7	23,619	0.79	5,066	0.5			80,647	\$63,898.26	\$0.79	
Mercer	39,424	0.76	20,162	1.16	9,074	1.95	91,596	0.45	21,835	0.65	28,297	1	6,340	0.7			216,728	\$159,461.78	\$0.74	
Mifflin	2,546	1.19	661	0.37	3,515	0.58	45,165	0.27	10,715	0.39	23,632	0.27	51,890	0.55			138,124	\$62,332.85	\$0.45	

County	Meat		Poultry		Dairy		Vegetables		Fruits		Grains		Other		Formula		Total Pounds or Cases	Total Cost of Food Purchased	Average Cost Per Pound	Vouchers Purchased/ Other
	LBS.	Cost Per LB.	LBS.	Cost Per LB.	LBS.	Cost Per LB.	LBS.	Cost Per LB.	LBS.	Cost Per LB.	LBS.	Cost Per LB.	LBS.	Cost Per LB.	LBS.	Cost Per LB.				
Monroe	24,944	2.84	18,050	1.43	9,452	0.74	32,080	0.94	33,939	1.15	27,433	1.37	5,369	0.93			151,266	\$215,530.68	\$1.42	
Montgomery	53,044	1.75	377,780	1.71	29,249	2.23	137,606	0.85	118,449	0.86	85,149	1.1	41,842	0.98			843,119	\$584,255.52	\$0.69	
Montour	3,922	1.58	585	1.23	3,236	1.23	1,718	1.2	4,072	1.27	2,204	0.86	5,605	1.51			21,342	\$13,696.16	\$0.64	
Northampton	43,754	1.28	39,957	0.85	14,580	0.41	172,566	0.50	100,524	0.41	67,659	0.64	101,785	0.56			540,825	\$323,126.90	\$0.60	
Northumberland	18,946	1.76	4,203	1.30	9,595	0.70	18,401	0.72	32,312	0.7	15,380	0.40	35,859	0.88			134,696	\$119,193.94	\$0.88	
Perry	6,020	0.19	1,175	0.19	20,980	0.36	19,653	0.24	8,723	0.45	37,093	0.26	55,025	0.24	10	0.19	148,679	\$43,383.66	\$0.29	
Philadelphia	346,968	2.37	282,196	2.16	434,234	0.74	926,526	0.86	737,777	0.80	329,710	1.53	242,314	1.14	25,542	1.62	3,325,268	\$3,967,749.60	\$1.19	
Pike	10,452	1.68	5,673	1.51	6,023	1	18,027	0.61	20,156	0.5	10,200	1.05	324	1.07			70,855	\$64,372.92	\$0.91	
Potter	2,757	1.26	288	0.75	3,081	0.5	4,432	0.5	7,797	0.58	12,768	0.27	12,655	0.72			43,778	\$24,481.00	\$0.56	
Schuylkill	91,481	0.77	26,890	0.32	526	0.42	48,633	0.73	48,748	0.81	51,906	0.7	1,984	0.19			270,168	\$191,317.90	\$0.71	
Snyder	8,125	0.67	4,887	1.07	6,425	0.23	14,734	0.33	18,388	0.38	12,422	0.31	13,637	0.57			78,616	\$35,622.77	\$0.45	
Somerset	5,596	0.60	7,659	0.92	6,206	0.57	29,497	0.66	20,830	0.71	20,138	0.77	34,052	0.83			123,977	\$91,873.43	\$0.74	
Sullivan	346	2.10	2,875	1.19	118	3.1	215	1.68	151	1.5	382	2.32	263	2.06			4,351	\$6,540.72	\$1.50	
Susquehanna	7,779	0.92	6,127	0.48	1,152	0.79	15,752	0.92	10,273	0.97	4,770	0.96	1,698	1.76			47,551	\$43,097.30	\$0.91	
Tioga	5,289	0.99			2,848	0.68	16,648	0.47	19,717	0.76	16,703	0.33	27,949	0.85			89,154	\$59,086.40	\$0.66	
Union	3,889	3.20	7,765	1.07	2,335	1.36	4,745	0.68	2,684	0.63	2,114	0.97	1,081	0.73			24,612	\$31,690.79	\$1.29	
Venango	11,437	0.53	475	4.48	250	1.51	3,380	1.26	5,597	1.58	1,290	4.11	2,362	1.45			24,790	\$58,354.05	\$2.35	\$27,948.41
Warren	3,456	2.80	287	6.33			5,937	1.17	4,855	1.02	6,095	1.23					20,630	\$47,787.25	\$2.32	
Washington			27,263	1.10			112,220	0.53	95,625	0.71			38,974	1.17			274,082	\$202,382.14	\$0.74	
Wayne	5,430	1.97	5,645	1.03	1,926	0.71	15,055	0.6	8,721	1.00	4,014	1.22	19,503	1.09			60,294	\$61,757.74	\$1.02	
Westmoreland	44,880	0.31			80,325	0.48	71,333	0.75	68,628	0.64	138,332	0.74	288,126	0.49			691,624	\$394,619.86	\$0.57	
Wyoming	3,349	4.36	2,540	2.03	62	3.96	1,646	0.68	4,089	1.24	2,762	1.25	1,080	1.32			15,527	\$31,163.40	\$2.01	
York	65,365	0.97	17,347	0.68	232,764	0.34	398,430	0.28	128,673	0.55	222,457	0.26	267,525	0.55	2,045	0.15	1,334,606	\$541,572.39	\$0.41	
	2,668,010		1,679,637		2,692,626		7,356,517		4,223,795		3,593,390		3,171,959		30,772	0.15	25,416,705			\$27,948.41

Appendix D

Minutes from Emergency Food Assistance Advisory Committee Meeting

**EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Minutes of the October 2, 2019 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Jane Clements-Smith called the meeting to order in Rom 309 at the Department of Agriculture. All others introduced themselves, their titles, and who they work for.

Committee Members in attendance were: Joe Arthur, Sheila Christopher, Brinda Penyak, Rich Kutz, Kate Scully, Patrick Druhan, Heather Foor, and Jennifer Miller. Also in attendance from the Department of Agriculture were Deputy Secretary Cheryl Cook, Caryn Long Earl, Melissa Patterson, and Melissa Seiple.

AGENDA - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Arthur, 2nd by Pat Druhan. Motion was approved.

MINUTES (from March 27, 2019 meeting) – Motion to approve minutes was made by Jennifer Miller and 2nd by Rich Kutz. Motion was approved.

Budget/Appropriations – The State budget for the State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) in fiscal year 2019/2020 has been flat funded at \$19.688 million. This includes \$18.11 million for the base SFPP and \$1.5 million for the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS). The fiscal year 2019/2020 budget also includes \$2.079 million for the WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNP).

FY 2020/21 State Budget Request – Feeding Pennsylvania and Hunger-Free Pennsylvania are asking for \$24 million for SFPP. They are also asking for \$3 million for PASS.

A recommendation was made by Sheila Christopher for EFAAC to support a request of \$24 million for SFPP and \$3 million for PASS. A motion was made for this by Joe Arthur and 2nd by Kate Scully. Motion was approved.

PA Farm Bill – Urban Ag grantees will be announced soon. We received 53 applications for over \$900,000 in funding. The program was funded at \$500,000. These grants will build out the infrastructure of urban agriculture by investing in the system, filling gaps, encouraging entities to work together, finding ways to bring operations to a greater scale, overcoming food deserts, and opening opportunities for people to become social entrepreneurs. Expect the Farm to School grant application to be announced in November 2019. Farm to school enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and early care and education sites.

Federal FY 2020 Appropriations Update – Currently this is running on a continuing resolution that expires November 21, 2019. The House and Senate have proposed \$18.548 million for WIC FMNP, \$79.63 million for TEFAP Storage and Distribution and \$245 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM (SFPP) – Caryn reported for Sandy Hopple, program administrator. 2nd quarter payments have been processed. The payments should be received mid-October. This is the last year of the 5-year SFPP contracts and SPCO agreements.

FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (FMNP) –Check distribution ended on September 30th. Recipients have until November 30th to spend these checks. There were 70 new farmers approved for this year program. We do not currently have redemption information.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) – Commodity Order Update – Melissa Patterson provided handouts showing the commodity orders. Decisions for these orders were based on results from a survey that the Bureau of Food Assistance conducted with county leads and soup kitchens. The Bureau has also decided to move to ordering TEFAP commodities for all 12 months. Less food will be ordered for each month – only 3 commodities – but the products will be spread out over the entire fiscal year.

TEFAP Bonus/TEFAP Trade Mitigation Update – In Federal FY19, PA received nearly \$10 million worth of TEFAP Entitlement. In addition, PA received \$14.5 million worth of TEFAP Bonus and more than \$25 million worth of TEFAP Trade Mitigation.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP) – Per Sheila Christopher, Hunger-Free Pennsylvania conducted 9 reviews of CSFP lead agencies in 2019, and programs passed.

Request for Expansion of CSFP – This request is due to USDA by November 5.th Pennsylvania will ask for a caseload of 36,200, equivalent to our current caseload.

Link to Feed software – This software is being used statewide for tracking CSFP client data. This will cut down on paperwork and also provide us with critical data about the seniors we are serving.

New Food Package – This starts November 1st. USDA is having trouble getting the product to meet the demand of that package. The option we have is to ask for waivers.

PASS Update – Joe Arthur provided an update on the PASS program. Reports were handed out. We hit a milestone of 10 million pounds. We hit this in August. The purchase order is in process and we are up to 127 suppliers, farms, and producers.

OLD BUSINESS

SFPP Income Eligibility Threshold – EFAAC membership discussed increasing the income eligibility threshold for TEFAP back in September 2017. When this was presented in 2017, it was based on feedback from several lead agencies. Hunger-Free PA and Feeding PA decided to revisit this, along with the idea of increasing the income eligibility threshold for SFPP and needed to revise the survey and turn this into something lead agencies could sent to their agencies. As of now the results seem to be inconclusive and they need to continue the survey. They will bring a recommendation to the table in the spring.

There was also discussion about putting a committee put in place to look at SFPP Food Definition. Currently, you cannot get oils and spices using SFPP funds. There was a motion to add vegetable oil onto less preferred miscellaneous food standard guidelines for SFPP to take effect July 1, 2020. Motion was made by Sheila Christopher and 2nd by Joe Arthur. Motion was approved. Jane requested a sub-committee to look at guidelines in general – Jane will reach out to see who is interested in volunteering.

NEW BUSINESS

College Hunger – There was a round table to talk about college hunger – discussion was had on the role the counties can play when it comes to SFPP. The biggest piece of the puzzle is SNAP benefits.

Tracking of SFPP Funds by Food Type – Heather Foor spoke on this. The annual report counties do for SFPP currently lists out the type of food they get. For her agency, this is not easy information to get. She was asking if anyone had an easier way to get this information. Pat Druhan stated he has an Excel program that he is willing to show her. Joe Arthur stated this is something he tracks as he goes.

Next meeting – The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2020.

**EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Minutes of the June 10, 2020 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Jane Clements-Smith called the meeting to order. All others introduced themselves, their titles, and who they work for.

Committee Members in attendance were: Joe Arthur, Rich Kutz, Jennifer Miller, Deb Mest, Patrick Druhan, Tracey DePasquale, and Kate Scully.

Also in attendance from the Department of Agriculture were Cheryl Cook, Caryn Long Earl, Sandy Hopple, Melissa Patterson and Melissa Seiple.

Note: Mary Ann Warren is no longer on the Board of Directors for TREHAB and therefore had to step down from her position on this committee.

AGENDA - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jennifer Miller, 2nd by Tracey DePasquale

MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes was made by Patrick Druhan, 2nd by Joe Arthur.

BUDGET/Appropriations FY 2020/21 State Budget Review –A 5-month budget was passed in May and was signed into law by the Governor. This provides flat funding for most programs. A handful of programs received 12-months' worth of funding, including our programs. SFPP was funded at \$19.688 million. This includes \$18.188 million for grants to counties through the SFPP. This also includes \$1.5 million for PASS, with PASS still being included under the SFPP line item. FMNP was funded at \$2.079 million. \$40 million in Federal CARES funds were provided to from the state to the Department of Agriculture. This includes \$15 million allocated to the SFPP, \$10 million to PASS (with \$5 million carved out for dairy purchases), and \$15 million for dairy support. Of the \$5 million provided for PASS dairy purchases, \$200,000 was combined with the \$255,000 we received from a USDA Farm to Foodbank grant to procure surplus swiss cheese out of Mercer County.

Federal FY 2020 – Presidents Budget Request – This request provides \$80 million for TEFAP Administrative funds. This request also proposes to eliminate CSFP and the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program. This request also proposed \$181.9 billion in cuts to SNAP over 10 years. The proposed cuts would come on top of nearly \$50 billion over the ten year that the Administration is seeking through regulatory action, bringing the Administration's total plan for cutting SNAP to \$230 billion over ten years compared to current policies.

STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM (SFPP) – The new 5 year agreements were mailed to Counties in May. They must complete the signature process at the state before any new funds can go out. We used the agreement that is expiring at the end of June to quickly push out the SFPP CARES funds. We are not able to use any SFPP CARES funds for equipment purchases. Administrative fund allowances will revert back to the 8% with the start of the new fiscal year on July 1. The expense and data report information was sent out and is due back by September 17th. This information is used to compile the annual report that we are required to send to the state legislature each year. We are currently not able to rebid the State Purchase Contract

Option because we are required to hold an in-person meeting which is not permitted at this time due to COVID-19. The earliest this could be bid is July.

FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (FMNP) – With USDA urging the value of the checks to be changed, they are now \$6.00 per check for a total benefit of \$24.00. The value of the checks was changed to help avoid fees the farmers are charged for depositing the checks into their banks. The banking contract also limits the number of checks that can be processed each year.

WIC FMNP – they have a continuing operation plan that permits us to tag onto the FMNP Program. These are being distributed via the mail or drop boxes with very few clients coming into the WIC office.

Senior FMNP -- For the senior side of the program it was difficult to devise a distribution plan that works with social distancing. It was decided to have a paper application that would be sent to seniors and they have to mail back the application with the check then being mailed to qualified recipients.

Both programs have a delay in getting checks printed due to low staffing at the printer. Both programs have now started distributing the checks and farmers have also started depositing the redeemed checks. Checks can only be mailed through September 30, 2020.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) – The Disaster Household Distribution was approved on March 27th and began on March 29th. This has been extended twice. This also allows food banks and county lead agencies to provide TEFAP and SFPP without the need for collection of self-declaration of needs forms or sign-in requirements. This program is expected to end on June 25th. We will seek approval from USDA to extend the program through June 30th.

Commodity Order Update – Melissa Patterson provided an overview – The order information was provided with the meeting information. There is a lot of product coming in as a result of the pandemic.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP) – Sheila provided a report with the meeting notice information. The program has several waivers to prevent direct contact. Some agencies have been providing home delivery. For the month of March, distribution fell below 95%, and in April it was just over the required 95%.

PASS Update – A report was included with the meeting notice information. Approximately 2 million pounds of food has been distributed this year and over 12 million in the first five years. There are currently 137 vendors across the state.

New Contract – The existing contract with Central Pennsylvania Food Bank to administer PASS ends June 30th. The Department of Agriculture is working on a sole-source contract for Feeding Pennsylvania to administer the PASS program for the next 5 years.

Farm to Food Banks - Not all states wanted to participate in this program. As a result, Pennsylvania's grant award was for \$255,000 and required 100% match. These funds were used to acquire 200,000 pounds of swiss cheese from Mercer County. The funds were to reimburse for the cost of production.

OLD BUSINESS

Two items to discuss at the fall meeting will be:

Change SFPP income limit which would also change TEFAP income guidelines and the second item is Food Definition for SFPP.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a vacancy due to Mary Ann Warren stepping down. The recommendations need to be sent to Caryn.

Next meeting will be held October 7th from 10:00 – Noon.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joe Arthur and 2nd by Tracey DePasquale.

Appendix E

Bureau of Food Assistance Program Summary

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Assistance oversees several programs to help supplement food purchases or provide other food resources to low-income residents in the commonwealth. These programs include:

- **State Food Purchase Program (SFPP)** – This program supplements the efforts of food pantries, shelters for the homeless, soup kitchens and regional food bank feeding programs to reduce hunger. In 2019-2020, more than \$18 million in state funding was provided to purchase, store, and deliver food to Pennsylvania's hungry. The department has estimated that more than 2 million individuals were served by SFPP in 2019-2020.
- **Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS)** – This program helps to support Pennsylvania's agricultural industry statewide and Pennsylvanians at risk of hunger – making connections between production agriculture and the non-profit sector responsible for getting more nutritious food into the hands of those in need of food assistance. More information on PASS is available in appendices F through H.
- **Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)** – Provides eligible participants with vouchers to purchase fresh Pennsylvania-grown produce at more than 1,080 farmer's markets and farm stands. In 2020, more than \$900,000 in vouchers were redeemed.
- **Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)** – This program benefits low-income seniors by providing for the purchase of Pennsylvania-grown fruits and vegetables. In 2020, more than \$3.3 million in vouchers were issued, with the potential to serve nearly 151,000 seniors. The two farmers market nutrition programs are funded by a combination of state and federal dollars.
- **National School Lunch Program** – A key program that supports nutritionally at-risk youth, the National School Lunch Program is regulated and managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, with necessary support provided by the Department of Agriculture. In 2019-20, the Department of Agriculture's support included the distribution of \$52.5 million of USDA commodities to more than 800 national school lunch agencies to help stretch their food service budgets.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** – Under this program, commodity foods are made available by the USDA to states. Designated as the State Distributing Agency for Pennsylvania, the Bureau provides USDA Foods to all 67 counties and to food banks who, in turn, provide the food to local agencies that directly serve the public. For this report period, more than 23.3 million pounds of TEFAP entitlement and bonus food, more than 34.8 million pounds of trade mitigation food, and more than 795,000 pounds of food provided through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act were distributed, serving approximately 1.9 million state residents.

- TEFAP Farm to Food Bank Projects – This federal program provides funding to interested state agencies who administer TEFAP to pay for projects to harvest, process, package, or transport commodities donated by agricultural producers, processors, or distributors for use by emergency feeding organizations. The purpose of Farm to Food Bank Projects is to reduce food waste, provide food to individuals in need, and build relationships between the agricultural industry and the emergency feeding network. In May 2020, Pennsylvania was awarded \$255,373 in Farm to Food Bank grant funding. These funds, which require a state match, were matched with funds provided by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus and were used to supplement that program in state fiscal year 2019-2020.
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) – This federal food program helps improve the health and nutrition of senior citizens. USDA commodities are distributed through the Bureau to food banks that package the goods for local dissemination. Monthly boxes of commodities tailored to the nutritional needs of recipients served 36,200 state residents during this report period.
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) – This summer nutrition program is designed to fill the gap when low-income children lose access to school breakfasts, lunches, and afterschool snacks. In Pennsylvania, SFSP is operated through school-sponsored summer programs, as well as those sponsored by local parks and recreation departments and non-profit organizations. There were 72 locations throughout the state participating in SFSP who opted to receive federal commodities in 2020. Of these, 11 locations received fresh produce through the USDA Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Appendix F

Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) Annual Report

The Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) program helps to support Pennsylvania's agricultural industry statewide and Pennsylvanians at risk of hunger – making connections between production agriculture and the non-profit sector responsible for getting more nutritious food into the hands of those in need of food assistance. The Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System Act was enacted on November 23, 2010 as P.L. 1134, No. 113 (62 P.S. §§ 4050.1 – 4050.7).

This report, as required by Section 4(b)(5) of the PASS Act (62 P.S. §4050.4(b)(5)), provides insight to members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly on the activities of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Assistance as they pertain to the PASS program. This includes detailed information on the sources, types, and pounds of food, the distribution of food products, and the number of households served by the distributions.

This report covers the time period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

What is PASS?

PASS provides an efficient mechanism for Pennsylvania's agricultural industry to donate safe, wholesome food products while being reimbursed for the costs involved in harvesting, processing, packaging, and transporting these foods. Without PASS, these food products would likely otherwise be left to rot in the field, be plowed under, be dumped, or be landfilled.

What kinds of foods are procured through PASS?

PASS funding is used to procure and distribute several dozen different types of products produced right here in Pennsylvania. In FY 2019-2020, 50 different types of products were sourced from PASS donors. These products include: apples, broccoli, cabbage, cheese, chicken, corn, cucumbers, eggs, green beans, ground beef, lettuce, milk, peaches, pears, pork, potatoes, squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, yogurt, watermelon, and zucchini. (A full list of products can be found in Appendix G.)

In total in FY 2019-2020, 2,478,466 pounds of PASS product was donated from a total of 64 Pennsylvania agricultural producers representing 33 counties.

How are PASS products distributed?

Thirteen local, charitable food distributors procure foods from Pennsylvania agricultural producers, packers, and processors, using state funding provided for the PASS program. Working with more than 2,600 local charitable partners – including food pantries, soup kitchens, feeding programs, and shelters – these distributors allocate food to help feed low-income Pennsylvanians in need of food assistance in all 67 counties.

PASS Distributor	Website	Address	City	Zip	State
Bucks County Community Opportunity Council	www.bcoc.org	100 Doyle Street	Doylestown	18901	PA
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank	www.centralpafoodbank.org	3908 Corey Road	Harrisburg	17109	PA
Chester County Food Bank	www.chestercountyfoodbank.org	650 Pennsylvania Drive	Exton	19341	PA
Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County	www.foodwarehouse.org	109 Sharpsville Avenue	Sharon	16416	PA
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	www.pittsburghfoodbank.org	1 N. Linden Street	Duquesne	15110	PA
Greater Washington County Food Bank	www.gwcfb.org	909 National Pike West	Brownsville	15417	PA
H&J Weinberg Regional Food Bank	www.ceopeoplehelpingpeople.org	185 Research Drive	Pittston	18640	PA
Helping Harvest	www.helpingharvest.org	117 Morgan Drive	Reading	19608	PA
Philabundance	www.philabundance.org	3616 South Galloway Street	Philadelphia	19148	PA
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania	www.nwpafoodbank.org	1507 Grimm Drive	Erie	16501	PA
Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania	www.shblv.org	6969 Silver Crest Road	Nazareth	18064	PA
Share Food Program	www.sharefoodprogram.org	2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue	Philadelphia	19129	PA
Westmoreland County Food Bank	www.westmorelandfoodbank.org	100 Devonshire Drive	Delmont	15626	PA

Who receives the food?

Anyone eligible to receive food through food assistance programs operated by the United States Department of Agriculture, such as The Emergency Food Assistance Program, and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, such as the State Food Purchase Program, is eligible to receive foods procured through the PASS program.

In FY 2019-2020, 2,301,198 pounds of PASS products were distributed to 539,002 households throughout Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

Additional information on distribution by county can be found in Appendix H.

Appendix G

List of Foods Procured through the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System Program in FY 2019-2020

apple cider	cucumbers	peppers
apple sauce	eggplant	pork products
apples	eggs	potatoes
assorted meats	green beans	pumpkins
beef	ground beef	sausage
bell peppers	ground turkey	spaghetti squash
broccoli	hot dogs	squash
butternut squash	hot peppers	sweet potatoes
cabbage	jalapenos	swiss cheese
cantaloupes	kale	tomatoes
cauliflower	leafy greens	turkey franks
cheddar cheese	lettuce	turnips
cheese	milk	vanilla yogurt
chicken	onions	watermelon
collard greens	parsnips	winter squash
corn	peaches	zucchini
cottage cheese	pears	

Appendix H

Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) Distribution Report FY 2019-20

County of Distribution	PASS Pounds Distributed	PASS Food Cost	Total Households Served
Adams	10,848	\$ 6,368	1,205
Allegheny	374,985	\$ 423,449	56,705
Armstrong	6,634	\$ 4,236	1,182
Beaver	22,480	\$ 37,058	4,904
Bedford	6,088	\$ 4,684	676
Berks	95,495	\$ 45,473	20,423
Blair	38,008	\$ 14,860	4,224
Bradford	3,772	\$ 5,655	419
Bucks	88,203	\$ 54,077	32,649
Butler	30,606	\$ 56,756	4,933
Cambria	39,705	\$ 10,426	6,355
Cameron	456	\$ 607	155
Carbon	7,407	\$ 10,862	2,863
Centre	3,353	\$ 6,304	373
Chester	54,203	\$ 23,394	29,685
Clarion	4,519	\$ 3,556	976
Clearfield	6,892	\$ 2,234	191
Clinton	2,011	\$ 3,867	223
Columbia	7,348	\$ 5,591	816
Crawford	7,188	\$ 4,637	1,945
Cumberland	35,312	\$ 15,601	3,923
Dauphin	70,478	\$ 31,805	7,832
Delaware	69,623	\$ 49,045	6,962
Elk	4,456	\$ 2,488	843
Erie	56,737	\$ 35,293	13,659
Fayette	23,604	\$ 4,986	3,420
Forest	522	\$ 487	60
Franklin	13,262	\$ 13,532	1,473
Fulton	758	\$ 1,358	84
Greene	13,704	\$ 2,843	2,561
Huntingdon	7,576	\$ 4,134	842
Indiana	7,111	\$ 22,478	1,476
Jefferson	6,549	\$ 3,747	1,662
Juniata	4,854	\$ 1,719	539
Lackawanna	42,618	\$ 23,002	12,524
Lancaster	51,850	\$ 41,365	5,760
Lawrence	28,477	\$ 73,336	4,586

County of Distribution	PASS Pounds Distributed	PASS Food Cost	Total Households Served
Lebanon	18669	\$ 12,631	2,075
Lehigh	32,713	\$ 37,665	17,986
Luzerne	80,063	\$ 40,938	19,334
Lycoming	7,790	\$ 11,981	865
McKean	5,244	\$ 2,720	708
Mercer	30,011	\$ 26,971	10,864
Mifflin	10,143	\$ 6,325	1,127
Monroe	37,026	\$ 53,669	14,001
Montgomery	75,121	\$ 53,464	17,726
Montour	869	\$ 1,275	97
Northampton	23,295	\$ 28,687	16,521
Northumberland	5,405	\$ 10,037	600
Perry	7,906	\$ 3,305	878
Philadelphia	418178	\$ 364,499	140,310
Pike	3,887	\$ 6,506	2,828
Potter	1,113	\$ 1,818	124
Schuylkill	20,067	\$ 8,821	4,399
Snyder	1,516	\$ 2,720	169
Somerset	8,431	\$ 1,612	1,694
Sullivan	429	\$ 421	48
Susquehanna	12,760	\$ 6,948	2,616
Tioga	3,306	\$ 4,691	367
Union	1,211	\$ 2,429	135
Venango	5,212	\$ 2,556	666
Warren	7,556	\$ 4,079	1,190
Washington	61,532	\$ 4,130	10,240
Wayne	2,959	\$ 2,202	1,170
Westmoreland	107757.65	\$ 10,440	23,520
Wyoming	8,509	\$ 4,033	1,546
York	54,827	\$ 40,684	6,093
Grand Total	2,301,198	\$ 1,809,569	539,002