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## **Overview**

According to Feeding America's "2018 Map the Meal Gap" report, 1,599,520 Pennsylvanians (12.5 percent of all state residents) are food insecure. In other words, they may not always have enough money to buy sufficient food for themselves or their families and may be at risk of hunger. This includes 452,690 children under the age of 18, or 16.9 percent of all children in Pennsylvania. While these numbers have slightly declined over the past few years, food insecurity rates remain high. As a result, 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 (PDA) Bureau of Food Distribution. This includes detailed statistics on the allocation and expenditure of funds; participation in the State Food Purchase Program (SFPP); and the variety, pounds, and cost of food purchased. This report covers the time period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

Included in this report are also several appendices reporting on the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS), a line item included in the state budget appropriation for the SFPP. 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, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

## **Food Distribution Background**

PDA's Bureau of Food Distribution helps facilitate the movement of food from farms, processors, and other channels to those at risk of hunger. In addition to work on SFPP, the bureau handles 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 PASS.

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

## **Protecting Pennsylvanians At-Risk**

One of the cornerstones of the Bureau of Food Distribution 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 residents include those who are in households currently receiving:

- Unemployment compensation;
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) benefits;
- Cash assistance;
- Medical assistance; or
- An income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

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 PDA’s website at [www.agriculture.pa.gov](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov).

## **State Food Purchase Program Activity in 2017-2018**

Pursuant to §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	\$16,710,912
Cost of Equipment Purchased	\$ 158,091
Cost of Other Activities	\$ 1,148
Administrative/Other Costs	\$ 1,204,843
Committed Funds	\$ 97,962

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. Note that in many counties there is duplication of individuals in reported numbers. The department has estimated that more than two million individuals were served by SFPP in 2017-2018. Note: this information is provided by each county and duplication is possible. This number includes children, adults, and older Pennsylvanians.

### ***Households Served***

The 2017-2018 fiscal year saw 859,703 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 cost of the food purchased in 2017-18 totaled \$16,710,912. 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*

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Pounds Distributed</b>
Meat	4,307,837
Poultry	1,709,422
Dairy	3,647,804
Vegetables	9,427,683
Fruit	6,446,579
Grains	4,538,399
Other	3,726,460
Infant Formula	4,713

In addition to the commodities listed above, Venango County used vouchers totaling \$24,689. Vouchers were provided to recipients with 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. Outlined in 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 of Food Distribution.

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 includes:

- 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 2017-18 meetings are included in Appendix D of this report.

## **Summary**

The State Food Purchase Program administered by the Bureau of Food Distribution represents a significant portion of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's budget and acts as a key support system for the estimated two 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.

Exhibit "A"	State Food Purchase Program									
December, 2018	Fiscal Year 2017-2018									
	Summary of Counties' Allocation and Expenditure of Funds									
	Dollar				Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost		Funds	Remaining
County	Share of	Interest	Carryover/ Other Income	Total Funds Available	of Food Purchased	Equipment Purchased	Other Activities	Admin/Other Costs	Committed	Balance
	\$18,118,713.89									
Adams	\$94,104.88			\$94,104.88	\$86,576.49			\$7,528.39		(\$0.00)
Allegheny	\$1,541,855.81	\$805.63		\$1,542,661.44	\$1,419,307.51			\$123,348.46		\$5.47
Armstrong	\$106,386.20	\$4.49		\$106,390.69	\$97,879.79			\$8,510.90		\$0.00
Beaver	\$236,788.31	\$1.34		\$236,789.65	\$217,889.00			\$18,900.65		(\$0.00)
Bedford	\$69,926.04			\$69,926.04	\$64,464.94			\$5,461.10		(\$0.00)
Berks	\$597,034.28	\$31.85	\$46.43	\$597,112.56	\$579,365.89	\$17,757.00				(\$10.33)
Blair	\$207,167.59	\$4.12	\$65.08	\$207,236.79	\$191,014.04			\$16,222.75		(\$0.00)
Bradford	\$87,768.71			\$87,768.71	\$80,265.09	\$628.97		\$6,854.58		\$20.07
Bucks	\$473,775.76			\$473,775.76	\$435,758.75	\$114.95		\$37,902.06		\$0.00
Butler	\$172,568.46			\$172,568.46	\$158,762.98			\$13,805.48		(\$0.00)
Cambria	\$223,743.03	\$35.33	\$7.03	\$223,785.39	\$187,995.99	\$5,400.00		\$17,899.44	\$12,483.19	\$6.77
Cameron	\$8,910.48			\$8,910.48	\$8,197.64			\$712.48		\$0.36
Carbon	\$83,695.45	\$24.03		\$83,719.48	\$78,286.71	\$1,008.92		\$4,423.85		(\$0.00)
Centre	\$95,013.66	\$15.00		\$95,028.66	\$87,428.00			\$7,601.00		(\$0.34)
Chester	\$325,371.66			\$325,371.66	\$299,341.93			\$26,029.73		(\$0.00)
Clarion	\$52,640.95	\$0.93		\$52,641.88	\$49,352.96			\$3,288.92		(\$0.00)
Clearfield	\$132,683.13	\$154.00		\$132,837.13	\$122,222.00			\$10,614.65		\$0.48
Clinton	\$56,004.55			\$56,004.55	\$56,004.55					\$0.00
Columbia	\$80,940.12			\$80,940.12	\$70,151.63	\$4,467.21		\$6,321.28		(\$0.00)
Crawford	\$129,076.95	\$26.29		\$129,103.24	\$119,340.02			\$10,080.68		(\$317.46)
Cumberland	\$200,972.62	\$10.17		\$200,982.79	\$184,904.98			\$16,077.81		(\$0.00)
Dauphin	\$427,297.19			\$427,297.19	\$427,252.47			\$44.72		\$0.00
Delaware	\$723,460.90	\$30.06		\$723,490.96	\$649,107.49	\$146.96		\$57,876.88	\$16,359.63	\$0.00
Elk	\$36,731.72	\$5.26		\$36,736.98	\$33,798.45			\$2,938.53		\$0.00
Erie	\$513,690.04	\$7.63		\$513,697.67	\$486,818.43			\$26,879.24		(\$0.00)
Fayette	\$285,638.41	\$16.21		\$285,654.62	\$262,803.55			\$22,851.07		\$0.00
Forest	\$7,248.58	\$0.13		\$7,248.71	\$7,248.71					\$0.00
Franklin	\$178,738.08			\$178,738.08	\$164,439.51			\$14,298.57		(\$0.00)
Fulton	\$20,804.38	\$5.12		\$20,809.50	\$17,996.92		\$1,148.23	\$1,664.35		\$0.00
Greene	\$65,139.50	\$18.62	\$4,601.70	\$69,759.82	\$69,763.29			\$732.30		(\$735.77)
Huntingdon	\$62,746.24	\$27.80		\$62,774.04	\$57,754.34			\$5,019.70		\$0.00
Indiana	\$115,441.50	\$0.29		\$115,441.79	\$106,236.39			\$9,235.32		(\$29.92)

	Dollar				Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost			
	Share of		Carryover/	Total Funds	of Food	Equipment	Other	Admin/Other	Funds	Remaining
County	\$18,118,713.89	Interest	Other Income	Available	Purchased	Purchased	Activities	Costs	Committed	Balance
Jefferson	\$69,263.45	\$1.22		\$69,264.67	\$64,937.19			\$4,327.48		(\$0.00)
Juniata	\$25,877.08	\$15.58		\$25,892.66	\$25,891.91					\$0.75
Lackawanna	\$351,947.39	\$14.16		\$351,961.55	\$341,743.23			\$10,204.16		\$14.16
Lancaster	\$571,247.86			\$571,247.86	\$526,369.18	\$367.99		\$44,510.69		(\$0.00)
Lawrence	\$148,237.54	\$258.25	\$81.75	\$148,577.54	\$136,717.82			\$11,859.00		\$0.72
Lebanon	\$173,078.97			\$173,078.97	\$160,591.81			\$12,487.16		\$0.00
Lehigh	\$532,966.50	\$4.38		\$532,970.88	\$490,439.42			\$42,637.32		(\$105.86)
Luzerne	\$553,517.43			\$553,517.43	\$545,197.28			\$8,320.15		\$0.00
Lycoming	\$172,420.01			\$172,420.01	\$172,420.01					\$0.00
McKean	\$71,468.44		\$31.24	\$71,499.68	\$48,787.45	\$ 3,133.26		\$5,717.47	\$11,470.24	\$2,391.26
Mercer	\$180,519.45	\$241.19		\$180,760.64	\$165,987.39	\$ 675.00		\$14,098.25		\$0.00
Mifflin	\$71,826.88	\$34.38		\$71,861.26	\$66,115.11			\$5,746.15		\$0.00
Monroe	\$231,071.27	\$2,360.16		\$233,431.43	\$210,569.96			\$18,485.70		\$4,375.77
Montgomery	\$644,413.79	\$8.34		\$644,422.13	\$579,958.64	\$ 14,834.55		\$49,628.94		(\$0.00)
Montour	\$18,827.49	\$543.01		\$19,370.50	\$16,526.36			\$1,506.20		\$1,337.94
Northampton	\$349,184.82	\$1.22		\$349,186.04	\$321,354.17			\$27,934.79		(\$102.92)
Northumberland	\$140,196.03			\$140,196.03	\$123,120.66	\$ 5,859.68		\$11,215.69		(\$0.00)
Perry	\$46,076.66			\$46,076.66	\$46,076.66					\$0.00
Philadelphia	\$4,264,524.91			\$4,264,524.91	\$3,850,675.35	\$ 81,001.00		\$332,848.56		\$0.00
Pike	\$67,608.80	\$3.20	\$892.16	\$68,504.16	\$56,732.69	\$ 3,660.50		\$3,908.14		\$4,202.83
Potter	\$27,542.45	\$42.37	\$6,006.47	\$33,591.29	\$26,235.49	\$ 1,728.00		\$2,051.02		\$3,576.78
Schuylkill	\$220,466.32		\$60,674.37	\$281,140.69	\$214,425.37	\$ 2,434.26		\$17,637.31	\$46,643.75	\$0.00
Snyder	\$40,852.04			\$40,852.04	\$26,086.03	\$ 318.00		\$3,268.16		\$11,179.85
Somerset	\$105,118.96	\$1.20		\$105,120.16	\$95,052.80	\$ 1,657.84		\$8,409.52		\$0.00
Sullivan	\$6,929.97		\$0.29	\$6,930.26	\$6,926.34					\$3.92
Susquehanna	\$50,624.23	\$39.19		\$50,663.42	\$46,683.54			\$3,979.88		\$0.00
Tioga	\$61,037.28			\$61,037.28	\$54,207.32					\$6,829.96
Union	\$35,649.13			\$35,649.13	\$32,797.19			\$2,851.94		(\$0.00)
Venango	\$87,714.40	\$66.74	\$6,215.84	\$93,996.98	\$75,974.37			\$7,017.15	\$11,005.46	\$0.00
Warren	\$56,801.10	\$2.82	\$440.01	\$57,243.93	\$51,755.79	\$ 1,035.40		\$4,436.07		\$16.67
Washington	\$251,046.52	\$194.18		\$251,240.70	\$221,608.64	\$ 9,549.00		\$20,083.73		(\$0.67)
Wayne	\$65,088.82	\$3.55	\$777.20	\$65,869.57	\$58,350.24	\$ 2,312.23		\$5,207.10		\$0.00
Westmoreland	\$438,434.38	\$107.43		\$438,541.81	\$404,214.84			\$34,326.97		(\$0.00)
Wyoming	\$37,662.23	\$3.38	\$0.59	\$37,666.20	\$35,321.90			\$3,012.97		(\$668.67)
York	\$537,329.41			\$537,329.41	\$533,329.41			\$4,000.00		\$0.00
		\$5,170	\$79,840.16	\$18,204,948	\$16,710,912.00	\$158,090.72	\$1,148.23	\$1,204,842.56	\$97,962.27	

Appendix B		State Food Purchase Program				
December, 2018		Fiscal Year 2017-2018				
		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018				
County	Households	Children	Adults	Elderly	Soup Kitchens	Onsite Meals
Adams	2,456	2,643	3,451	797	0	0
Allegheny ***	197,603	116,917	200,772	95,230	297,789	284,951
Armstrong	1,086	373	937	678	0	0
Beaver	3,269	3,408	4,288	2,605	25,057	0
Bedford	1,571	937	1,743	790	0	0
Berks	25,965	31,403	23,855	6,622	481,334	1,178,370
Blair	7,286	6,976	8,953	1,286	7,147	0
Bradford***	6,713	5,500	8,368	4,037	0	0
Bucks	12,814	17,325	21,167	4,228	0	36,726
Butler	2,575	1,725	3,141	922	0	0
Cambria***	23,974	15,734	27,526	13,274	47,434	0
Cameron	268	198	308	93	0	0
Carbon	666	699	1,075	149	0	0
Centre	1,085	1,130	1,982	838	0	0
Chester	7,066	7,323	9,454	2,437	35,414	36,093
Clarion	437	280	590	222	0	0
Clearfield	2,317	1,370	2,872	1,181	0	0
Clinton	887	656	1,038	483	9,815	0
Columbia	4,488	1,617	3,883	3,580	0	0
Crawford	1,823	1,412	2,381	678	0	0
Cumberland***	29,171	41,046	28,555	14,628	31,565	0
Dauphin	13,044	16,586	20,571	2,979	116,063	55,770
Delaware	6,328	6,432	12,461	1,986	0	0
Elk	681	494	864	185	0	0
Erie	6,208	5,545	7,882	2,642	227,241	184,257
Fayette	6,452	1,555	3,759	1,179	0	0
Forest	111	34	100	67	0	0
Franklin	1,659	1,598	2,508	323	0	0
Fulton	971	647	1,098	474	0	0
Greene	9,818	4,597	9,370	6,128	0	0
Huntingdon	1,164	854	1,321	377	0	0
Indiana	1,643	842	1,838	799	0	0
Jefferson	998	373	682	272	0	0
Juniata	704	702	963	295	0	0
Lackawanna	14,972	9,889	13,898	5,342	7,311	32,148
Lancaster	15,507	20,043	18,658	4,404	92,250	29,660
Lawrence***	15,854	6,060	13,705	9,243	0	63,346
Lebanon	1,587	1,727	2,260	314	37,758	0
Lehigh	7,465	14,106	11,429	2,561	84,308	112,369
Luzerne	18,995	17,153	24,123	7,753	98,908	24,054
Lycoming	4,294	3,204	5,024	1,186	0	0
McKean	5,038	3,908	8,443	2,162	0	0
Mercer	4,051	4,253	7,096	2,830	0	0
Mifflin**	2,764					

County	Households	Children	Adults	Elderly	Soup Kitchens	Onsite Meals
Monroe	2,136	3,007	4,463	1,390	16,326	4,710
Montgomery	9,699	9,810	13,652	3,313	92,273	51,882
Montour	294	66	174	202	0	0
Northampton	5,368	8,309	6,033	2,503	72,784	87,292
Northumberland	997	1,573	1,329	671	0	0
Perry**	14,282	11,125	16,062	7,579	0	0
Philadelphia	307,706	255,396	261,304	89,234	832,473	3,120,740
Pike	255	375	540	60	0	0
Potter	428	258	434	275	0	0
Schuylkill	2,985	1,352	4,035	1,332	0	0
Snyder	380	297	530	206	0	0
Somerset	1,573	1,068	1,823	869	0	0
Sullivan	327	228	284	257	0	0
Susquehanna	358	312	415	210	0	0
Tioga	1,614	1,868	987	1,168	0	0
Union	562	443	704	255	0	0
Venango	6,253	4,506	6,994	3,268	0	0
Warren	4,875	2,000	6,165	2,248	21,556	0
Washington	2,311	1,096	2,127	1,346	0	0
Wayne	994	641	1,119	573	0	0
Westmoreland	9,092	6,274	10,835	4,030	16,006	91,884
Wyoming	576	462	444	264	0	0
York	12,810	14,358	20,300	4,460	132,339	60,797
	859,703	704,098	885,145	333,972	2,783,151	5,455,049
** Mifflin County only reported number of households served						
*** Allegheny, Bradford, Cambria, Cumberland, Lawrence and Perry County figures are based on number of visits annually (duplicates are possible)						

**State Food Purchase Program**  
**Fiscal Year 2017-2018**  
**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**  
**"Variety, Pounds and Cost of Food Purchased"**

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.				
Adams	25,720	0.62	9,548	0.4	23,198	0.34	67,695	0.31	29,120	0.42	80,379	0.31	998	0.67			236,658	\$86,576.49	0.37	
Allegheny	231,817	1.15	198,077	0.84	608,812	0.6	388,313	0.36	521,990	0.42	309,351	0.59	206,753	0.38			2,465,113	\$1,419,307.51	0.58	
Armstrong	23,837	0.41	20,415	0.12	33,514	0.42	182,746	0.12	111,094	0.17	66,711	0.46	2,198	0.07			440,514	\$97,879.79	0.22	
Beaver	20,953	0.61	3,527	1.09	31,671	0.62	255,865	0.33	43,608	0.46	113,976	0.67			633	1.77	470,233	\$217,889.00	0.46	
Bedford	1,242	1.79	7,911	1.18	2,132	0.99	62,529	0.14	21,293	0.3	7,076	1	140,876	0.91			243,059	\$64,464.94	0.27	
Berks	106,460	0.6			282,832	0.19	500,645	0.28	393,965	0.23	300,988	0.55	45,045	1.4			1,629,935	\$579,365.89	0.36	
Blair	6,753	2.07	517	1.73	13,163	0.59	80,480	0.61	62,071	0.63	18,828	1.24	69,977	0.81			251,788	\$191,014.04	0.76	
Bradford	8,795	1.09	3,452	0.45	8,976	0.47	23,306	0.48	24,323	0.74	17,694	0.57	28,259	0.92			114,803	\$80,265.09	0.70	
Bucks	29,623	2.3	17,908	2.32	38,335	1.92	67,099	0.94	92,073	0.83	36,229	1.27	55,642	1.02	3,780	2.42	341,689	\$435,758.75	1.28	
Butler	23,169	0.76	6,900	1.22	22,292	1.03	41,498	0.82	31,800	0.79	18,974	1.85	13,219	1.18			157,852	\$158,762.98	1.01	
Cambria	29,957	1.34	4,695	1.69	6,408	0.51	78,263	0.61	25,269	0.64	32,507	0.93	53,464	0.8			230,562	\$187,995.99	0.82	
Cameron	929	1.69	938	0.76	573	2.17	5,307	0.55	64	1.25	995	1.68					8,805	\$8,197.64	0.93	
Carbon	16,131	1.36	1,930	0.54	3,510	0.56	23,796	0.69	14,362	0.68	10,832	0.97	16,031	1.04			86,592	\$78,286.71	0.90	
Centre	15,153	1.71	4,590	0.83	4,840	1.2	18,907	0.55	28,667	0.71	15,691	0.90	8,478	0.84			96,326	\$87,428.00	0.91	
Chester	31,664	0.79	10,480	1.26	13,772	0.85	331,273	0.42	224,532	0.36	29,892	1.00					641,613	\$299,341.93	0.47	
Clarion	12,049	0.37	2,829	0.13	5,317	0.13	32,155	0.35	12,961	0.33	36,691	0.32	42,525	0.39			144,527	\$49,352.96	0.34	
Clearfield	25,298	1.16	5,984	0.131	22,126	0.66	35,457	0.6	29,676	0.71	34,056	0.56	1,353	0.69			166,150	\$122,222.00	0.74	
Clinton	12,118	0.79	6,322	0.41	24,189	0.3	48,913	0.17	25,256	0.46	17,043	0.18	21,043	0.65			154,884	\$56,004.55	0.36	
Columbia	9,966	1.64	5,912	1.03	7,135	0.81	25,489	0.37	19,626	0.62	21,561	0.24	19,938	0.76			109,627	\$70,151.63	0.64	
Crawford	24,518	1.75	4,650	0.87			22,746	0.52	14,767	1.62	21,471	1.1	18,325	0.71			106,477	\$119,340.02	1.12	
Cumberland	20,931	0.44	4,023	0.27	85,219	0.42	280,727	0.15	60,729	0.28	78,605	0.21	210,723	0.3			740,957	\$184,904.98	0.25	
Dauphin	231,380	0.33	47,129	0.26	265,687	0.3	439,019	0.13	114,875	0.4	168,520	0.23	354,919	0.33	10	0.18	1,621,539	\$427,252.47	0.26	
Delaware	89,867	1.59	75,678	1.37	33,109	1.96	99,327	0.98	94,597	1.17	80,408	1.61					472,986	\$649,107.00	1.37	
Elk	3,684	1.21	2,056	1.29	360	1.28	8,308	0.75	5,803	1.26	8,082	1.48	437	1.54			28,730	\$33,798.45	1.18	
Erie	146,838	0.35	39,383	0.13	333,693	0.13	433,429	0.26	152,074	0.33	345,684	0.28	302,017	0.42			1,752,663	\$486,818.43	0.28	
Fayette	21,275	1.31	24,162	0.90	33,202	0.47	458,589	0.315	157,909	0.35	62,073	1.07	17,844	0.46			775,054	\$262,803.55	0.34	
Forest	3,489	0.27	1,339	0.13	655	0.13	5,750	0.29	2,211	0.34	6,290	0.27	3,500	0.56			23,234	\$7,248.71	0.31	
Franklin	21,613	1.15	11,032	1.25	19,787	0.81	58,803	0.63	58,859	0.67	60,378	0.55					230,472	\$164,439.51	0.71	
Fulton	13,268	0.16	8,028	0.16	6,450	0.16	35,433	0.16	20,166	0.16	26,766	0.16	2,090	0.16			112,481	\$17,996.92	0.16	
Greene	3,127	0.49	12,000		9,595	0.18	73,508	0.24	44,803	0.36	26,463	0.66	33,926	0.45			203,422	\$69,763.29	0.34	
Huntingdon	1,892	3.40			252	3.10	6,887	1.80	13,055	1.20	15,834	0.40	11623.00	2.10			49,543	\$57,754.34	1.17	
Indiana	10,416	0.55					54,285	0.56	43,250	0.28	28,965	0.61	65,115	0.62			202,031	\$106,236.39	0.53	
Jefferson	7,125	0.53	2,259	0.13	28,814	0.13	50,904	0.33	12,800	0.4	36,022	0.4	44,938	0.46			182,862	\$64,937.19	0.36	
Juniata	10,135	0.56	2,048	0.15	918	2.51	24,447	0.38	17,234	0.19	7,930	0.43	3,306	0.53			66,017	\$25,891.91	0.39	
Lackawanna	67,114	1.68	39,602	1.22	41,760	0.52	84,430	0.55	56,870	0.76	38,763	1.17	34,730	1.24			363,269	\$341,743.23	0.94	
Lancaster	117,222	0.72	69,852	0.62	146,608	0.51	561,967	0.16	164,342	0.44	238,493	0.29	195,576	0.46	5	3.26	1,494,065	\$526,369.19	0.35	
Lawrence	20,001	0.81	6,725	0.19	18,879	0.44	167,618	0.16	68,230	0.35	42,862	0.47	83,697	0.48			408,011	\$136,717.82	0.34	
Lebanon	23,049	3.11	5,025	3.1	73,858	0.35	86,921	0.26	33,818	0.42	2,929	1.59	3,432	1.75			229,032	\$160,591.81	0.70	
Lehigh	135,461	1.17	59,517	0.83	12,254	0.47	198,823	0.35	140,113	0.42	94,547	0.59	157,914	0.58			798,629	\$490,439.42	0.61	
Luzerne	37,665	1.91	112,080	1.12	600	2.42	276,363	0.53	94,485	0.55	109,893	0.84	132,614	0.54			763,700	\$545,197.28	0.71	
Lycoming	58,222	0.56	12,226	0.49	60,313	0.37	151,366	0.21	50,015	0.48	57,264	0.24	60,772	0.69			450,178	\$172,420.01	0.38	
McKean	10,544	0.95	1,919	0.99	560	2.23	19,729	0.60	15,835	0.63	16,707	0.73	3,233	0.49			68,527	\$48,787.45	0.71	
Mercer	25,819	0.95	30,732	0.86	19,061	0.99	81,350	0.55	21,655	0.43	45,709	0.8	11,554	0.49			235,880	\$165,987.39	0.70	
Mifflin	10,329	0.36	2,576	0.46	26,074	0.46	75,425	0.16	19,504	0.25	22,296	0.24	51,635	0.49			207,840	\$66,115.11	0.32	

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	of Food	Cost Per	Purchased/
		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.		Per LB.	Per LB.	Per LB.	Per LB.	or Cases
Monroe	20,271	2.42	23,264	1.23	13,371	0.87	55,831	0.72	33,100	0.89	34,475	1.12	13,304	0.96	1	21.07	193,616	\$210,569.96	1.09	
Montgomery	82,907	1.35	51,296	1.40	47,878	0.87	162,479	0.66	161,880	0.75	91,523	0.93	50,280	0.79			648,244	\$579,958.64	0.89	
Montour	3,399	1.58	260	1.25	705	1.23	2,440	1.2	1,850	1.27	2,858	0.86	2,658	1.51			14,170	\$16,526.36	1.17	
Northampton	89,921	1.16	39,709	0.83	8,174	0.47	118,974	0.36	93,424	0.42	61,600	0.59	105,305	0.58			517,107	\$321,354.17	0.62	
Northumberland	14,143	1.42	4,323	1.18	13,018	0.70	32,284	0.48	36,918	0.68	22,306	0.35	49,709	0.81	14	0.18	172,715	\$123,120.66	0.71	
Perry	12838	0.26	16986	0.18	26884	0.35	60061	0.12	18922	0.2	48160	0.19	33779	0.31			217,630	\$46,076.66	0.21	
Philadelphia	1,954,995	0.38	552,733	0.88	794,059	0.47	2,006,850	0.32	2,444,555	0.32	949,563	0.75	73,632	1.31	170	17.31	8,776,557	\$3,850,675.35	0.44	
Pike	8,211	1.93	4,237	1.04	2,952	1.59	19,101	0.57	10,385	0.79	8,037	1.2	1,988	1.51			54,912	\$56,732.69	1.03	
Potter	3,321	1.23	154	0.41	2,689	0.53	4,749	0.56	7,034	0.68	8,598	0.28	15,583	0.96			42,128	\$26,235.49	0.62	
Schuylkill	124,706	0.70	43,195	0.30	572	0.95	45,595	0.68	48,571	0.8	54,886	0.78	1,202	0.21			318,727	\$214,425.37	0.67	
Snyder	2,694	1.49	2,601	1.19	4,686	0.27	8,853	0.49	13,191	0.28	8,125	0.42	16,444	0.38			56,594	\$26,086.03	0.46	
Somerset	5,276	0.46	10,358	0.81	3,368	0.86	72,005	0.35	21,108	0.58	20,536	0.9	25,659	1			158,311	\$95,052.80	0.60	
Sullivan	106	2.11	3,156	1.15	104	1.98	667	1.13	715	0.72	535	1.83	512	1.23			5,795	\$6,926.34	1.20	
Susquehanna	4,776	2.55	1,449	0.93	5,405	0.29	15,104	0.89	2,034	1.18	4,884	1.27	7,773	1.24			41,425	\$46,683.54	1.13	
Tioga	3,289	1.04	72	1.91	3,644	0.68	17,910	0.48	17,206	0.73	16,581	0.28	27,959	0.80			86,661	\$54,207.32	0.63	
Union	5,043	2.70	5,583	1.17	1,890	1.25	6,693	0.62	3,405	0.71	3,374	0.94	534	1.03			26,521	\$32,797.19	1.24	
Venango	4,819	4.66	1,568	2.14	4,845	0.49	4,282	0.85	2,929	1.86	1,921	4.12	7,612	0.8			63,038	\$75,974.37	1.21	\$24,689.09
Warren	3,985	2.88	883	1.32	336	1.21	9,898	0.71	6,389	0.97	7,400	1	14,868	1.21			43,758	\$51,755.79	1.18	
Washington	6,450	0.76			36	0.1	128,828	0.37	51,082	0.58	24,770	0.92	92,290	0.52			428,312	\$221,608.64	0.52	
Wayne	4,200	2.34	4,606	1.12	1,362	0.72	20,189	0.59	10,080	0.86	3,503	1.21	11,996	0.146			55,935	\$58,350.24	1.04	
Westmoreland	87,660	0.48	40,040	0.73	88,890	0.5	124,110	0.41	112,840	0.54	105,457	0.73	279,146	0.36			838,143	\$404,214.84	0.48	
Wyoming	3,579	2.35	6,573	1.63	55	4.36	2,033	0.44	7,581	0.91	2,030	1.17	937	1.35			22,788	\$35,321.90	1.55	
York	127,469	0.50	27,388	0.27	279,262	0.28	542,919	0.17	170,558	0.38	293,008	0.21	397,352	0.42	100	0.18	1,838,056	\$533,329.41	0.29	
	4,307,837		1,709,422		3,647,804		9,427,683		6,446,579		4,538,399		3,726,460		4,713		34,199,470			\$24,689.09

## **Appendix D**

Minutes from Emergency Food Assistance Advisory Committee Meetings

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

**Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Steveanna Wynn called the meeting to order in Room 405 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, Jane Clements-Smith, Kris Douglas, Kathy Fisher, Heather Foor, Alice Gray, Heather Hallman, Diane Kraft, Rich Kutz, and Steveanna Wynn. Also in attendance from the Department of Agriculture were Cheryl Cook, Caryn Long Earl, Sandy Hopple, Melissa Seiple, and Amanda Wasko.

**AGENDA** - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Arthur, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Douglas

**MINUTES (from March 29, 2017 meeting)** – Motion to approve minutes was made by Kathy Fisher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alice Gray.

**BUDGET: Update on FY2017-18 Budget** – The Legislature passed an FY2017-18 budget on June 30<sup>th</sup>, though they didn't pass enabling legislation necessary to allow the administration to spend the budget money. Nonetheless, state dollars for a majority of programs and services was made available, including funding for SFPP and PASS. Funding for a number of other programs was put into a budgetary reserve. There was a proposal put forth by the Governor when the budget was initially put out – the lease/lease back proposal for the Farm Show Building which was estimated to generate approximately \$200 million. This has resurfaced again as an option because Governor Wolf is looking at state options for funding the budget absent the passage of any necessary enabling bills. There is funding for State Food and PASS for the entire year.

**FY 2018/19 SFPP/FMNP Status** – Hunger Free Pennsylvania and Feeding Pennsylvania have come up with a recommendation. Motion was made to recommend that the Department of Agriculture request \$24 million for the SFPP line item in FY2018-19 – \$21 million for SFPP and \$3 million for PASS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Arthur. Currently it is funded at \$19.1 million, with \$1 million for PASS and the balance is for SFPP. Motion was made to keep the FMNP funding level at \$2,000,079.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Clements-Smith.

**STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM (SFPP)** – For all counties that have sent in their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter expense and data report, their 2<sup>nd</sup> payment has been processed. We are still missing 3 counties – Columbia, Venango, and Philadelphia. Once we have all the information, our plan is to use geospatial technology to include in the annual report to paint a better picture. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report format was sent out and is due back October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (FMNP)** – There were some additional funds made available for both Seniors and WIC which enabled us to distribute additional checks. Through September, our dollar value redeemed has increased over the last year by about \$77,900 and that will reflect on our redemption rates. Recipients have until the end of November to use their checks.

**EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)** – Amanda provided handouts for everyone to review regarding TEFAP Entitlement Commodities and Bonus Commodities. Currently with entitlement, we have \$9.7 million to spend. Last year the total was \$10.4 million. These numbers are lower, but we tend to get more money throughout the year. There was a survey sent out this year to help determine what commodities the department should offer next year which received 161 responses. The format has been changed some so that everyone will receive a variety of commodities throughout the year and so that they will not receive the same product that cannot be easily moved. Based on the responses from the survey, there will be two new products that we will bring in – roasted peanuts and vegetable oil.

TEFAP Bonus Update – Looked at bonus for 2017 which was over \$12 million. For 2018, right now, it is \$5.3 million and that will continue to grow. One struggle for bonus is after the product has been requested, it is extremely difficult to change the orders. If you are committing to the product, then the product needs to be taken. There was a bonus transfer form that was emailed out to everyone. If you are transferring your bonus to another TEFAP bonus agency, you will need to fill out the form. USDA will be checking to make sure this form is on file.

**COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)** - Sheila Christopher provided an update. FY 2017 was finished September 30<sup>th</sup>. We are eligible for expansion, but we are not going to request any additional caseload. We have done some national surveys to see how other states are administering this program based on regulations and the requirement of proof of income. 71% of states that participate in this program responded to the survey. The results were 50/50. 50% of states do self-declaration and 50% do proof of income. There will be more surveys done in the future to dig deeper into this issue. There was another survey that was completed regarding a 6-month certification with CSFP. Every 6 months there has to be verification that individuals are eligible for the program and that they still do in fact want the program. Currently WIC is being tracked. There is hope to be able to remove the 6-month stipulation.

**PASS Update** – The program has completed its 2<sup>nd</sup> full year. For FY 2017, 13 subcontractors around the state have distributed 2.7 million pounds of food. There was 2.7 million pounds of food distributed last year with \$1 million of appropriations not only for food but other expenses. Since inception of the program, 5 million pounds of food have been distributed. 3.8 million pounds of that was fresh fruits and vegetables. Also 500,000 pounds of eggs and 577,000 pounds of cheese, milk, and yogurt. For FY 2017, over 493,000 households were served. Currently there are over 95 farmers and other producers involved in the program. We are still looking for geographical locations to expand as well as farmers and producers.

Outreach is currently being done with agricultural individuals. Trying to get these individuals on a committee that will help steer the program. This committee will be about 8-10 persons.

**TEFAP Management Evaluation** – Caryn reviewed preliminary results of the TEFAP Management Evaluation conducted by the USDA FNS Mid-Atlantic Regional Office in September 2017. While the review went well, we do anticipate several findings and recommendations will be identified in the final report that will need to be addressed by the Bureau. These will include (1) the need to update agreements with Lead Agencies, Soup Kitchens, and Distributors to include updated language required by USDA, (2) the need for an improved process to verify the tax-exempt status of local agencies working with TEFAP Leads, (3) additional guidance on self-declaration forms and procedures, and (4) the need for an updated State Plan.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Blueprint to End Hunger/Governor's Food Security Partnership** – There will be an event October 20, 2017 regarding the Blueprint and where we will be going in the future. Pat Dombrosky from FNS/MARO will be speaking on the Farm Bill and Ellen Vollinger from the Food Research and Action Center will be coming to discuss nutrition title and key priorities for Pennsylvania. We will be celebrating some accomplishments we have had and discuss where we go from this point. After this meeting, we will have a small meeting to go into some specific goals and what steps will be taken next.

**SFPP Food Standards** – Thank you to Sheila Christopher who took this and made it into a very nice format. A copy has been provided to everyone to get some feedback with changes. Once the feedback has been provided, we will finalize this and have it put on the website. Any comments should be sent to Caryn by October 27, 2017.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Committee Nominations** -A new plan was put in place because of the number of members going off at the same time before Joe Quattrocchi left. This plan established a rotation for the 12-member committee that results in 1/3 of the Committee cycling off in a given calendar year. The members whose terms will be ending in December 2017 are Joe Arthur, Diane Kraft, and Steveanna Wynn. (Steve Craig would have cycled off in December too, but he resigned his position in September.) One of the problems is an individual cannot come back on the committee in the position category that they just filled. One concern is the chair position. Steveanna is willing to stay on the committee but cannot in the current position she holds.

Motion was made by Sheila to rotate the individuals that are going off and bring them back in under a different category. Joe Arthur nominated for Food & Nutrition Advocate Representative, Steveanna Wynn nominated for County Government/Emergency Food Provider Representative, and Mary Ann Warren nominated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> County Government/Emergency Food Provider Representative

position. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Douglas. Diane Kraft also provided some recommendations to fill the Dietician/Nutritionist category.

**Hunters Sharing the Harvest** – Caryn gave a little history on this program. Currently this program receives up to \$140,000 to help defray the costs of processing the venison that is distributed through the emergency food network. They have asked for an additional \$10,000 to help with some of the costs. Caryn has made a soft commitment to them for \$5,000 with the understanding that this would be discussed with this committee since the money is coming from the TEFAP administrative fund. In the past if there has been additional funding there is a 5<sup>th</sup> quarter payment that has been provided. Anything more that would be provided to HSH would be coming out of that 5<sup>th</sup> quarter payment.

Sheila Christopher made a motion to give Hunters Sharing the Harvest up to \$145,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Arthur.

Sheila Christopher made another motion that before HSH's next contract, Food Distribution will come to this committee to discuss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fisher.

**Increasing the TEFAP Income Limit in PA** – Sheila Christopher and Jane Clements-Smith provided information on this proposal. Rachel Schneider is an advocate from Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank who did some research on her own. The state has the ability to change the eligibility limit for TEFAP within the state. Sheila conducted a survey with Feeding PA and Hunger Free PA member so to see if we would increase eligibility from 150% of poverty to 200% of poverty how that would impact the work that our agencies do. There were 2 maps handed out that showed the increase in newly eligible individuals per county and individuals presently above the 150% poverty line. There are quite a few states that are at 185%, Sheila and Jane recommended that PA increase our eligibility threshold to 200%. The case study that was conducted in Pennsylvania found that there was no negative increase when the change was made. After some discussion with the EFAAC committee it has been determined this was not the right time to make this change.

Next meeting – scheduled for March 21, 2018, 10:00 am.

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

**Minutes of the April 17, 2018 Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sheila Christopher called the meeting to order in Room 202 at the Department of Agriculture. All others introduced themselves, their titles, and who they work for.

Committee Members in attendance were: Joe Arthur, Kris Douglas, Kathy Fisher, Rich Kutz, Christine Mullen and Mary Ann Warren. Also in attendance from the Department of Agriculture were Cheryl Cook, Caryn Long Earl, Sandy Hopple and Melissa Seiple.

**AGENDA** - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Kris Douglas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Arthur

**MINUTES (from October 12, 2017 meeting)** – Motion to approve minutes was made by Kris Douglas and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Arthur.

**Update on EFAAC Vacancy** - The Secretary has appointed someone to fill our final EFAAC vacancy. That person is Camille Horton. Camille is a WIC Nutritionist with the South Central Community Action Partnership, which serves Adams and Franklin County. She came at the recommendation of Audrey Hess from Pa Department of Education. Camille is not available to join us for the meeting but we are hoping she will be able to attend our fall meeting in September.

**BUDGET: Update on FY2018-19 Budget** – The Governor’s proposed budget for Farmer’s Market Food Coupons is \$2.079 million. State Food Purchase is \$19.188 million. This amount includes up to \$1,000,000 for the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System program, up to \$1,000,000 for the Emergency Food Assistance Development program and up to \$500,000 for the cost of distributing TEFAP commodities to counties.

Federal FY2018 Appropriations - \$289.5 million for mandatory TEFAP Commodities (vs. \$297 million in FY 2017), \$64.401 million for TEFAP Admin (vs. \$59.401 million in FY 2017), \$238.12 million for CSFP (vs. \$236.12 million in FY 2017), \$18.548 million for FMNP (same as FY 2017)

**STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM (SFPP)** – Agencies should have received their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payments. There will be a 5<sup>th</sup> quarter payment. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is due this Friday. The annual report is at the last stop for approval. The review time is getting longer. Next month the state format will be sent out and we will have 2 more years.

**FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (FMNP)** – Redemption rate for WIC for 2017 was 45%. This is down 2% from 2017. Seniors is 82%. 2017 – 56 new farmers added which brings the total to 1,095. The total amount redeemed was

\$4.4 million. For WIC – the total redeemed has increased to \$150,000. There is the same number of checks as we had last year.

**EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)** – Sandy Hopple provided an update for the commodities that will be ordered. Sandy also provided an update on the TEFAP Bonus status.

**COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)** – Sheila provided a handout for the committee for FY 2017, 2018 and 2019.

**PASS Update** – Joe Arthur provided an update on the PASS program and we currently are with that growing program.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Hunters Sharing the Harvest Update** – As of March 17, 2018 – the amount of donated pounds that was reported was 130,983 (vs. 120,515 total from last season). The number of whole deer was 3,317. Caryn provided a breakdown of the amount of funds that HSH received in 5 payments. The total amount HSH received is \$145,000. There are still a few outstanding processors that have yet to report the poundage as this point.

We pay \$1.35/lb and if we reimbursed at that rate for the 130 pounds donated so far, that would total \$176,827.

**TEFAP Management Evaluation** – Copies of the Lead Agency/Local Agency Agreement, the Interim Addendum to the Counties/Lead Agencies for signature and the Civil Rights Pre-Award Questionnaire was provided to the committee. Checking Tax Exempt Status – Annually, we ask the County and/or Lead Agency to complete and submit a spreadsheet with a list of all names/EINs of sub-agencies that distribute TEFAP. This will be in addition to the required annual check by the County/Lead Agency.

Guidance Regarding Intake Procedures:

The Bureau of Food Distribution will develop and issue guidance on the proper intake procedures for TEFAP.

There was a motion on the terminology of how to define what a food item is. The motion was to form an Ad hoc group to figure this out. There needs to be a definition of what a food item is. The motion was made by Joe Arthur and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christine Mullen.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The NAP Charitable Food Program Food Evaluation was tabled until the next meeting in September.

There was a discussion on selecting a Vice-Chair for the EFAAC Committee. A motion was made to have Sheila Christopher fill this position. The motion was made by Kris Douglas and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fisher.

Next meeting – The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2018.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kris Douglas and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fisher.

## Appendix E

### Bureau of Food Distribution Program Summary

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Distribution 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 2017-2018, 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 1.9 million individuals were served by SFPP in 2017-2018.
- 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 1,160 farmer's markets and farm stands. In 2018, more than 166,000 eligible individuals received and redeemed more than \$1.3 million in vouchers.
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) – This program benefits low-income seniors by providing for the purchase of Pennsylvania-grown fruits and vegetables. In 2018, more than \$3.3 million in vouchers were issued, with the potential to serve nearly 168,000 seniors. In 2018, nearly 168,000 eligible seniors received and redeemed more than \$2.6 million in vouchers. 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 2017-18, the Department of Agriculture's support included the distribution of more than \$54 million of USDA Foods to nearly 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 food to local agencies that directly serve the public. For this report period,

more than \$19 million worth of USDA Foods were distributed, serving more than 1.9 million state residents.

- 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.
- The 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 95 locations throughout the state participating in SFSP in 2018.

## **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. PASS was enacted on November 23, 2010 as P.L. 1134, No. 113.

This report, as required by Section 4(b)(5) of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System Act (62 P.S. Section 4050), provides insight to members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly on the activities of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Distribution 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, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

#### **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 2017-2018, 47 different types of products were sourced from PASS donors. These products include: apples, asparagus, broccoli, butter, cabbage, cheese, chicken, corn, cucumbers, eggs, green beans, lettuce, milk, peaches, potatoes, squash, tomatoes, yogurt, and zucchini. (A full list of products can be found in Appendix G.)

In total in 2017-2018, 2,280,376 pounds of PASS product was procured from a total of 73 Pennsylvania agricultural producers representing 29 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 1,800 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.

<b>PASS Distributor</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>State</b>
Bucks County Community Opportunity Council	<a href="http://www.bcoc.org">www.bcoc.org</a>	100 Doyle Street	Doylestown	18901	PA
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank	<a href="http://www.centralpafoodbank.org">www.centralpafoodbank.org</a>	3908 Corey Road	Harrisburg	17109	PA
Chester County Food Bank	<a href="http://www.chestercountyfoodbank.org">www.chestercountyfoodbank.org</a>	650 Pennsylvania Drive	Exton	19341	PA
Community Food Bank of Mercer County	<a href="http://www.foodwarehouse.org">www.foodwarehouse.org</a>	109 Sharpsville Ave.	Sharon	16416	PA
Greater Berks Food Bank	<a href="http://www.berksfoodbank.org">www.berksfoodbank.org</a>	117 Morgan Drive	Reading	19608	PA
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	<a href="http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org">www.pittsburghfoodbank.org</a>	1 N. Linden Street	Duquesne	15110	PA
Greater Washington County Food Bank	<a href="http://www.gwcfb.org">www.gwcfb.org</a>	909 National Pike West	Brownsville,	15417	PA
H&J Weinberg Regional Food Bank	<a href="http://www.ceopeoplehelpingpeople.org">www.ceopeoplehelpingpeople.org</a>	185 Research Drive	Pittston	18640	PA
Philabundance	<a href="http://www.philabundance.org">www.philabundance.org</a>	3616 South Galloway Street	Philadelphia	19148	PA
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania	<a href="http://www.nwpafoodbank.org">www.nwpafoodbank.org</a>	1507 Grimm Drive	Erie	16501	PA
Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania	<a href="http://www.shblv.org">www.shblv.org</a>	6969 Silver Crest Road	Nazareth	18064	PA
Share Food Program	<a href="http://www.sharefoodprogram.org">www.sharefoodprogram.org</a>	2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue	Philadelphia	19129	PA
Westmoreland County Food Bank	<a href="http://www.westmorelandfoodbank.org">www.westmorelandfoodbank.org</a>	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 2017-2017, 2,249,348 pounds of PASS products were distributed to 323,861 households throughout Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

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

## Appendix G

### List of Foods Procured through the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System Program in FY 2017-2018

Apple Cider	Cucumbers	Potatoes
Apples	Eggs	Rutabaga
Arugula	Endive	Salad Mix
Asparagus	Flour	Spinach
Beef	Green Beans	Squash
Beets	Grits	Sunflower Shoots
Broccoli	Ham Steaks	Sweet Potatoes
Butter	Hot Dogs	Swiss Chard
Cabbage	Kale	Tomato Sauce
Cantaloupe	Leafy Greens	Tomatoes
Carrots	Lettuce	Ground Turkey
Cauliflower	Milk	Watermelon
Cheese	Mushrooms	Yams
Chicken	Peaches	Yogurt
Corn	Peppers	Zucchini
Cottage Cheese	Pork	

## Appendix H

### Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) Distribution Report FY 2017-2018

County of Distribution	PASS Pounds Distributed	PASS Food Cost	Total Households Served
Adams	8,346	4,001	6,683
Allegheny	375,053	80,317	37,165
Armstrong	30,535	4,373	2,044
Beaver	60,537	12,210	6,336
Bedford	12,875	3,971	1,430
Berks	47,457	15,406	4,138
Blair	29,807	8,784	4,611
Bradford	11,581	3,717	1,696
Bucks	30,723	23,422	6,367
Butler	42,105	8,136	4,712
Cambria	29,569	8,781	2,721
Cameron	880	418	298
Carbon	449	844	555
Centre	7,524	4,036	1,348
Chester	45,489	17,324	4,549
Clarion	5,000	1,419	1,033
Clearfield	6,730	2,186	1,367
Clinton	4,672	2,379	666
Columbia	12,367	3,439	1,757
Crawford	2,708	1,157	677
Cumberland	34,156	8,563	4,007
Dauphin	82,265	18,124	6,767
Delaware	59,951	39,382	5,995
Elk	3,735	1,389	644
Erie	36,752	12,279	11,030
Fayette	76,227	14,714	4,543
Forest	714	340	147
Franklin	14,718	7,714	2,274
Fulton	3,044	859	607
Greene	23,482	3,665	2,087
Huntingdon	3,228	2,667	475
Indiana	39,165	5,960	3,502
Jefferson	2,180	2,232	845
Juniata	3,286	1,100	124
Lackawanna	34,669	15,070	5,915
Lancaster	97,278	24,387	13,856
Lawrence	36,383	7,364	5,308
Lebanon	32,127	7,370	2,432
Lehigh	18,507	24,074	12,478
Luzerne	36,742	23,757	7,828
Lycoming	26,361	7,320	3,852
McKean	5,390	1,923	954
Mercer	8,574	16,006	3,647
Mifflin	12,506	3,047	1,698
Monroe	20,381	26,489	6,793
Montgomery	51,188	29,790	17,228
Montour	2,409	800	550

<b>County of Distribution</b>	<b>PASS Pounds Distributed</b>	<b>PASS Food Cost</b>	<b>Total Households Served</b>
Northampton	13,741	24,409	8,517
Northumberland	14,846	5,951	1,565
Perry	7,657	1,959	956
Philadelphia	405,481	195,266	56,242
Pike	651	934	871
Potter	1,281	1,169	214
Schuylkill	11,370	6,951	1,139
Snyder	1,912	1,736	195
Somerset	36,020	6,131	3,755
Sullivan	1,140	337	351
Susquehanna	7,274	2,811	1,500
Tioga	4,673	2,588	651
Union	4,447	1,519	704
Venango	7,122	3,102	1,410
Warren	7,080	2,141	1,081
Washington	43,235	12,961	4,101
Wayne	897	1,256	239
Westmoreland	75,600	20,880	14,400
Wyoming	5,235	2,822	978
York	69,862	22,890	9,252
	2,249,348	\$ 830,520	323,861