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Overview

According to Feeding America's "2019 Map the Meal Gap" report, 1,534,710 Pennsylvanians (12% 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 437,340 children under the age of 18, or 16.4% of all children in Pennsylvania. While these numbers have slightly declined over the past few years as the economy has continued to improve from the most recent recession, 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 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, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

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, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

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 residents include those who are in households currently receiving:

- Unemployment compensation;
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps);
- Medical assistance; or
- Households with incomes 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 Department of Agriculture’s website at www.agriculture.pa.gov.

State Food Purchase Program Activity in 2018-2019

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	\$16,627,949
Cost of Equipment Purchased	\$ 278,358
Cost of Other Activities	\$ 1,114
Administrative/Other Costs	\$ 1,211,539
Committed Funds	\$ 80,820

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 1.5 million individuals were served by SFPP in 2018-2019. Note: this information is provided by each county and duplication is possible. This number includes children, adults, and older Pennsylvanians.

Households Served

The 2018-2019 fiscal year saw 729,882 households served across Pennsylvania. A detailed breakdown of the households served by county is included in Appendix B of this report.

Table 1: Commodities Distributed

Commodity	Pounds Distributed
Meat	3,522,222
Poultry	1,735,405
Dairy	3,806,088
Vegetables	12,612,063
Fruit	7,968,322
Grains	5,368,047
Other	2,953,958
Infant Formula	7,179

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 2018-19 was \$16,627,949. 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.

In addition to the commodities listed above, Montgomery and Venango Counties used vouchers totaling \$30,090.48. 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 of Food Assistance.

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 2018-19 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 1.5 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, 2019	Fiscal Year 2018-2019									
	Summary of Counties' Allocation and Expenditure of Funds									
	Dollar			Total Funds	Total Cost	Total Cost	Total Cost		Funds	Remaining
County	Share of	Interest	Carryover/ Other Income	Available	of Food	Equipment	Other	Admin/Other	Committed	Balance
	\$18,188,000.00				Purchased	Purchased	Activities	Costs		
Adams	\$92,658.67			\$92,658.67	\$85,245.98			\$7,412.69		\$0.00
Allegheny	\$1,529,052.35	\$998.95	\$5.47	\$1,530,056.77	\$1,407,772.68			\$122,224.19		\$59.90
Armstrong	\$103,847.22	\$107.87		\$103,955.09	\$95,000.46			\$8,307.78		\$646.85
Beaver	\$233,557.81	\$5.06		\$233,562.87	\$214,878.25			\$18,684.62		(\$0.00)
Bedford	\$68,977.38	\$6.74		\$68,984.12	\$62,626.32	\$984.74		\$5,366.49		\$6.57
Berks	\$605,467.77	\$15.79		\$605,483.56	\$605,943.24					(\$459.68)
Blair	\$205,870.03	\$4.50		\$205,874.53	\$178,081.57	\$11,300.00		\$16,469.60		\$23.36
Bradford	\$86,690.48			\$86,690.48	\$79,939.68			\$6,744.58		\$6.22
Bucks	\$476,726.01			\$476,726.01	\$437,540.79	\$1,049.90		\$38,138.32		(\$3.00)
Butler	\$173,959.00			\$173,959.00	\$157,622.90	\$2,199.10		\$13,916.72		\$220.28
Cambria	\$225,505.08	\$39.40	\$6.77	\$225,551.25	\$196,901.45	\$10,602.23		\$18,040.40		\$7.17
Cameron	\$9,208.79			\$9,208.79	\$8,472.09			\$736.70		\$0.00
Carbon	\$87,842.94	\$0.70	\$32.51	\$87,876.15	\$83,705.21			\$4,170.94		(\$0.00)
Centre	\$92,962.14	\$6.00		\$92,968.14	\$85,531.00			\$7,437.00		\$0.14
Chester	\$324,991.77			\$324,991.77	\$290,772.93			\$23,284.60		\$10,934.24
Clarion	\$51,889.29	\$0.63		\$51,889.92	\$48,569.03			\$3,320.89		(\$0.00)
Clearfield	\$128,424.46	\$91.00		\$128,515.46	\$118,242.00			\$10,273.00		\$0.46
Clinton	\$60,191.29			\$60,191.29	\$60,191.29					\$0.00
Columbia	\$81,220.84			\$81,220.84	\$70,264.18					\$10,956.66
Crawford	\$129,255.38	\$25.28		\$129,280.66	\$68,052.00	\$1,956.46		\$10,340.43	\$48,931.94	(\$0.17)
Cumberland	\$204,439.39	\$17.78		\$204,457.17	\$191,992.49			\$12,464.68		\$0.00
Dauphin	\$432,014.55			\$432,014.55	\$432,014.55					\$0.00
Delaware	\$735,792.52	\$30.57		\$735,823.09	\$673,589.00	\$3,371.21		\$58,863.40		(\$0.52)
Elk	\$36,495.56			\$36,495.56	\$33,575.92			\$2,919.64		\$0.00
Erie	\$514,499.85	\$7.36		\$514,507.21	\$486,930.01			\$27,577.20		(\$0.00)
Fayette	\$282,950.71			\$282,950.71	\$260,659.33			\$22,636.06		(\$344.68)
Forest	\$6,770.21	\$0.04		\$6,770.25	\$6,770.25					\$0.00
Franklin	\$177,369.39			\$177,369.39	\$163,179.84			\$14,189.55		\$0.00
Fulton	\$20,267.28	\$2.59		\$20,269.87	\$17,534.17		\$1,114.32	\$1,621.38		\$0.00
Greene	\$65,093.73	\$6.76		\$65,100.49	\$69,848.37			\$15.00		(\$4,762.88)
Huntingdon	\$61,289.55	\$7.36		\$61,296.91	\$56,063.76			\$4,903.16	\$318.57	\$11.42
Indiana	\$113,937.51	\$0.96		\$113,938.47	\$104,887.01			\$9,115.00		(\$63.54)

County	Dollar Share of \$18,188,000.00	Interest	Carryover/ Other Income	Total Funds Available	Total Cost of Food Purchased	Total Cost Equipment Purchased	Total Cost Other Activities	Admin/Other Costs	Funds Committed	Remaining Balance
Jefferson	\$68,468.00	\$0.52		\$68,468.52	\$64,086.85			\$4,382.04		(\$0.37)
Juniata	\$25,469.58	\$9.26		\$25,478.84	\$25,461.93			\$17.05		(\$0.14)
Lackawanna	\$358,777.79	\$8.94		\$358,786.73	\$345,067.28			\$13,710.45		\$9.00
Lancaster	\$565,345.07			\$565,345.07	\$520,161.22			\$45,183.85		(\$0.00)
Lawrence	\$149,258.94	\$297.82	\$0.82	\$149,557.58	\$137,603.49			\$11,940.72		\$13.37
Lebanon	\$173,926.48			\$173,926.48	\$152,400.51	\$8,178.52		\$13,347.45		\$0.00
Lehigh	\$543,538.78	\$0.93		\$543,539.71	\$500,076.06			\$43,483.10		(\$19.45)
Luzerne	\$573,787.96			\$573,787.96	\$527,925.86			\$45,862.10		\$0.00
Lycoming	\$173,178.65			\$173,178.65	\$173,178.65					\$0.00
McKean	\$71,650.79	\$129.15	\$2,391.26	\$74,171.20	\$57,753.54	\$ 351.00		\$5,732.07		\$10,334.59
Mercer	\$180,357.10	\$371.36		\$180,728.46	\$163,119.54	\$ 3,180.35		\$14,428.57		\$0.00
Mifflin	\$71,965.10	\$31.80		\$71,996.90	\$66,239.69			\$5,757.21		\$0.00
Monroe	\$236,148.12	\$4,907.16		\$241,055.28	\$220,434.59	\$ 1,724.88		\$18,892.00		\$3.81
Montgomery	\$639,607.85	\$18.34		\$639,626.19	\$554,697.77	\$ 35,166.47		\$51,168.61		(\$1,406.66)
Montour	\$18,865.55			\$18,865.55	\$15,811.12			\$1,509.24		\$1,545.19
Northampton	\$350,985.18	\$0.21		\$350,985.39	\$322,927.29			\$28,078.81		(\$20.71)
Northumberland	\$140,635.40			\$140,635.40	\$121,652.25	\$ 2,419.12		\$11,250.83	\$5,313.20	(\$0.00)
Perry	\$47,120.51			\$47,120.51	\$47,120.51					\$0.00
Philadelphia	\$4,292,100.14	\$18,156.00		\$4,310,256.14	\$3,772,415.09	\$ 169,384.55		\$311,929.14		\$56,527.36
Pike	\$67,510.63	\$3.20	\$892.16	\$68,405.99	\$67,328.56	\$ 931.87		\$1,165.74		(\$1,020.18)
Potter	\$27,200.06	\$647.55	\$3,576.78	\$31,424.39	\$27,372.63	\$ 1,058.99		\$2,176.01		\$816.76
Schuylkill	\$223,377.20		\$46,643.76	\$270,020.96	\$222,413.28	\$ 3,481.68		\$17,870.17	\$26,255.82	\$0.01
Snyder	\$39,168.95		\$11,179.85	\$50,348.80	\$46,441.29	\$ 774.01		\$3,133.50		(\$0.00)
Somerset	\$104,078.43	\$1.20		\$104,079.63	\$92,118.69	\$ 3,634.67		\$8,326.27		(\$0.00)
Sullivan	\$6,997.81		\$3.92	\$7,001.73	\$6,998.59					\$3.14
Susquehanna	\$51,629.18	\$158.02		\$51,787.20	\$47,644.14			\$3,985.04		\$158.02
Tioga	\$60,856.02			\$60,856.02	\$53,129.05					\$7,726.97
Union	\$35,520.12			\$35,520.12	\$32,756.64			\$2,763.48		\$0.00
Venango	\$88,186.14	\$82.83	\$18,456.27	\$106,725.24	\$89,324.08			\$6,860.95		\$10,540.21
Warren	\$57,019.33	\$2.82	\$1,051.94	\$58,074.09	\$53,642.30			\$4,436.15		(\$4.36)
Washington	\$250,118.46	\$281.37		\$250,399.83	\$216,636.45	\$ 13,751.84		\$20,009.47		\$2.07
Wayne	\$65,415.26	\$1.25	\$4,377.17	\$69,793.68	\$61,704.47	\$ 2,855.99		\$5,233.22		\$0.00
Westmoreland	\$432,903.28	\$74.53		\$432,977.81	\$399,310.55			\$32,715.19		\$952.07
Wyoming	\$37,709.42	\$0.71	\$3.54	\$37,713.67	\$34,696.49			\$3,016.74		\$0.44
York	\$539,900.77			\$539,900.77	\$535,900.52			\$4,000.25		\$0.00
		\$26,560	\$88,622.22	\$18,303,180	\$16,627,948.72	\$278,357.58	\$1,114.32	\$1,211,539.44	\$80,819.53	

Appendix B		State Food Purchase Program				
December, 2019		Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019				
		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019				
County	Households	Children	Adults	Elderly	Soup Kitchens	Onsite Meals
Adams	2,229	2,425	3,043	479	0	0
Allegheny	200,272	114,101	193,642	99,671	281,769	1,290,779
Armstrong	945	266	677	592	0	0
Beaver	2,738	2,953	3,715	2,257	16,912	0
Bedford	1,359	761	1,473	754	0	0
Berks	26,571	29,865	26,560	271	418,650	1,225,922
Blair	7,592	7,221	9,107	1,274	7,437	0
Bradford***	6,304	5,453	7,834	3,605	0	0
Bucks	8,264	9,954	12,740	3,093	0	35,393
Butler	3,136	2,136	4,191	1,491	0	0
Cambria***	22,266	14,980	25,501	12,949	48,556	0
Cameron	231	196	263	81	0	0
Carbon	947	875	1,359	439	0	0
Centre	1,601	995	1,823	811	0	0
Chester	9,264	7,818	10,030	2,786	59,708	58,764
Clarion	551	262	536	213	0	0
Clearfield	2,298	1,526	2,978	1,215	0	0
Clinton	1,110	599	1,064	626	8,624	0
Columbia	3,584	1,021	2,552	3,182	0	0
Crawford	3,991	2,942	5,274	1,787	0	0
Cumberland***	30,437	30,459	43,907	15,926	32,553	0
Dauphin	14,311	16,856	21,368	3,623	115,380	54,320
Delaware	9,740	9,069	11,741	4,288	0	0
Elk	533	379	691	132	0	0
Erie	14,871	4,967	7,208	2,561	205,898	170,021
Fayette	3,184	1,517	3,524	1,133	0	0
Forest	93	362	1,041	672	0	0
Franklin	1,739	1,569	2,561	401	0	0
Fulton	984	676	981	483	0	0
Greene	743	355	733	542	0	0
Huntingdon	2,338	1,845	2,605	1,045	0	0
Indiana	1,788	677	1,655	754	0	0
Jefferson	436	282	563	243	0	0
Juniata	700	607	867	292	0	0
Lackawanna	14,845	10,647	14,839	4,529	7,108	38,204
Lancaster	15,441	22,338	17,819	4,496	97,699	30,024
Lawrence	15,731	6,266	13,347	9,385	0	59,264
Lebanon	1,741	1,760	2,420	373	47,395	0
Lehigh	7,593	11,975	14,960	3,083	75,878	117,890
Luzerne	19,884	15,965	24,920	7,039	99,831	34,402
Lycoming	3,633	3,558	4,953	1,129	0	0
McKean	3,979	2,376	4,852	2,024	0	0
Mercer*	2,579	3,607		2,010	0	0
Mifflin**	2,716				2,177	270

County	Households	Children	Adults	Elderly	Soup Kitchens	Onsite Meals
Monroe	2,239	2,702	4,127	1,444	31,892	7,897
Montgomery	7,649	7,458	10,358	2,900	86,210	41,590
Montour	300	78	178	239	0	0
Northampton	5,252	7,855	5,688	2,541	70,064	76,096
Northumberland	749	468	604	444	0	0
Perry***	12,904	9,382	13,874	7,156	0	0
Philadelphia	173,006	83,791	199,719	29,536	753,000	2,720,000
Pike	275	386	560	65	0	0
Potter	3,037	1,442	2,414	2,488	0	0
Schuylkill	2,890	1,363	3,933	1,281	0	0
Snyder	771	554	1,028	446	0	0
Somerset	1,436	1,001	1,711	722	0	0
Sullivan	323	199	271	237	0	0
Susquehanna	321	293	391	190	0	0
Tioga	1,874	2,193	1,132	4,609	0	0
Union	1,515	1,043	1,515	869	0	0
Venango	6,303	4,924	7,466	3,494	0	0
Warren	5,004	1,806	5,568	2,037	19,515	0
Washington	4,062	2,277	4,033	1,991	0	0
Wayne	1,309	815	1,460	815	0	0
Westmoreland	8,414	5,681	9,662	3,936	13,330	73,564
Wyoming	570	470	450	260	0	0
York	14,387	16,199	21,848	5,568	175,810	55,488
	729,882	506,841	809,907	277,007	2,675,396	6,089,888
* Mercer County didn't report the number of adults served						
** Mifflin County only reported number of households served						
*** Bradford, Cambria, Cumberland, Lawrence and Perry County figures are based on number of visits annually (duplicates are possible)						

State Food Purchase Program
Fiscal Year 2018-2019
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"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	14,452	0.81	4,614	0.6	2,736	3.20	45,188	0.37	37,153	0.51	64,885	0.37	3,284	0.71			172,322	\$85,245.98	0.49	
Allegheny	345,774	1.02	167,995	1.03	708,720	0.59	477,258	0.35	340,035	0.42	210,549	0.58	87,480	0.34			2,337,811	\$1,407,772.68	0.60	
Armstrong	98,156	0.23	21,018	0.49	8,812	0.55	63,354	29.00	35,619	0.20	62,244	0.51					289,202	\$95,000.46	0.33	
Beaver	104,377	0.12	17,567	0.22	157,765	0.12	1,274,570	0.07	217,229	0.09	567,762	0.13			3,154	0.35	2,342,424	\$214,878.25	0.09	
Bedford	3,136	0.83	7,088	1.09	5,145	0.61	34,881	0.22	23,220	0.48	9,678	0.55	2,733	1.07			85,881	\$40,659.79	0.47	
Berks					422,186	0.2	500,792	0.37	473,671	0.21	440,845	0.52	20,476	0.49			1,857,970	\$605,943.24	0.33	
Blair	5,224	2.15	4,193	1	1,921	0.59	49,061	0.7	55,848	0.66	42,872	0.93	58,379	0.87			217,499	\$178,081.57	0.82	
Bradford	10,489	0.76	1,222	0.42	11,362	0.5	35,234	0.33	29,683	0.62	17,527	0.55	32,560	0.80			138,039	\$79,939.68	0.58	
Bucks	24,051	2.52	19,933	2.38	32,024	2.44	85,403	0.8	77,015	0.84	39,464	1.27	58,601	1.04	2,950	2.42	339,441	\$437,540.79	1.29	
Butler	20,325	1.8	5,460	2.44			42,765	0.74	34,293	0.76	20,215	1.66	14,513	1.12			137,571	\$157,622.90	1.15	
Cambria	14,875	1.14	9,885	1.03	20,164	0.61	76,515	0.5	49,707	0.6	52,412	0.77	62,689	0.79			286,246	\$196,901.45	0.69	
Cameron	1,471	1.89	856	0.77	135	2.54	3,520	0.67			1,287	1.82					7,269	\$8,472.09	1.17	
Carbon	15,169	1.43	991	0.41	3,329	0.69	26,910	0.79	11,050	0.87	12,164	1.05	14,312	1.11			83,925	\$83,705.21	1.00	
Centre	14,660	1.92	1,188	1.46	6,043	0.91	17,962	0.69	23,031	0.72	15,863	0.90	7,906	0.84			86,653	\$85,531.00	0.99	
Chester	22,840	1.21	17,592	0.98	127,105	0.85	81,870	0.53	53,220	0.62	51,848	0.77					354,475	\$290,772.93	0.82	
Clarion	16,011	0.27	3,868	0.66	4,246	0.13	29,790	0.31	17,004	0.45	30,198	0.44	29,235	0.38	8	0.13	130,360	\$48,569.03	0.37	
Clearfield	18,237	1.57	3,252	1.13	22,726	0.82	29,338	0.63	29,268	0.63	26,632	0.74	13,120	0.82			142,573	\$118,242.00	0.83	
Clinton	9,042	1.07	3,084	0.42	19,200	0.48	59,893	0.2	22,041	0.54	15,982	0.26	21,454	0.56			150,696	\$60,191.29	0.40	
Columbia	12,117	1.31	7,922	0.75	3,537	0.87	20,410	0.48	18,177	0.66	18,292	0.3	25,326	0.72			105,781	\$70,264.18	0.66	
Crawford	17,467	1.08	560	0.8			17,507	0.62	17,652	1.33	11,358	1.08	2,696	0.78			67,239	\$68,052.00	1.01	
Cumberland	32,279	0.39	5,347	0.36	100,625	0.42	249,659	0.13	63,879	0.33	65,227	0.26	189,887	0.34	15		706,918	\$191,992.49	0.27	
Dauphin	154,901	0.42	36,581	0.33	251,858	0.31	422,637	0.14	146,769	0.42	131,592	0.26	325,513	0.38	7		1,469,858	\$432,014.55	0.29	
Delaware	67,627	2.19	73,791	1.46	32,283	2.09	116,851	0.87	92,239	1.24	78,405	1.72					461,196	\$673,589.00	1.46	
Elk	3,300	1.40	1,994	1.52	535	2.74	8,462	0.68	3,158	1.19	8,433	1.61	818	1.71			26,700	\$33,575.92	1.26	
Erie	170,549	0.24	68,207	0.35	323,656	0.13	496,253	0.21	210,015	0.34	318,778	0.35	230,462	0.4	542	0.13	1,818,462	\$486,930.01	0.27	
Fayette	10,089	1.50	22,840	0.95	42,480	0.52	228,196	0.39	86,233	0.49	59,232	0.79	32,616	0.71			481,686	\$260,659.33	0.54	
Forest	2,564	0.22	1,501	0.13	824	0.13	5,524	0.25	1,314	0.45	8,434	0.32	2,822	0.42			22,983	\$6,770.25	0.29	
Franklin	17,430	1.33	7,916	1.19	21,175	0.09	56,725	0.63	68,466	0.69	52,127	0.58					223,839	\$163,179.96	0.73	
Fulton	12,349	0.18	8,847	0.18	6,147	0.18	29,839	0.18	19,110	0.18	18,853	0.18	2,011	0.18	256	0.18	97,412	\$17,534.17	0.18	
Greene	18,590	0	4,000	0.00	12,410	0.18	75,124	0.24	63,203	0.34	23,128	0.65	28,397	0.46			224,852	\$69,848.37	0.31	
Huntingdon	2,019	3.36	1,483	1.24	684	4.27	12,304	0.87	9,824	1.30	3,196	1.05	127,190	1.38			42,229	\$56,063.76	1.33	
Indiana	8,690	0.83	1,905	2.27			38,421	0.61	20,606	0.68	21,848	0.67	52,160	0.79			143,630	\$104,887.01	0.73	
Jefferson	10,941	0.36	5,201	0.49	22,752	0.16	58,765	0.24	28,409	0.35	29,499	0.46	42,670	0.38	12	0.13	198,249	\$64,086.58	0.32	
Juniata	23,987	0.2	13,315	0.08	10,495	0.21	25,402	0.38	18,390	0.21	9,404	0.29	1,469	0.78			102,461	\$25,461.93	0.25	
Lackawanna	62,167	1.49	23,687	1.99	43,427	0.48	68,426	0.72	88,796	0.62	66,485	0.99	13,419	1.03			366,408	\$345,067.28	0.94	
Lancaster	10,088	0.83	36,384	0.96	139,240	0.49	439,639	0.18	197,200	0.48	176,940	0.35	185,708	0.53			1,275,199	\$520,161.22	0.41	
Lawrence	19,602	0.81	8,882	0.58	20,435	0.5	77,070	0.33	53,687	0.47	46,202	0.44	64,535	0.55			290,413	\$137,603.49	0.47	
Lebanon	18,571	3.11	2,272	3.88	82,140	0.45	113,935	0.22	23,380	0.76	3,633	1.78					243,930	\$152,400.51	0.62	
Lehigh	108,927	1.21	36,048	0.92	13,500	0.42	210,053	0.40	197,899	0.41	135,363	0.54	162,359	0.56			864,149	\$500,076.06	0.58	
Luzerne	59,671	0.88	97,694	1.1			230,992	0.52	136,380	0.64	94,172	0.93	119,745	0.58			741,654	\$527,925.86	0.71	
Lycoming	46,125	0.49	11,728	0.54	51,876	0.46	130,702	0.26	48,664	0.52	49,340	0.36	56,761	0.78			395,196	\$173,178.65	0.44	
McKean	11,096	0.84	3,420	0.71	2,956	1.57	19,217	0.57	16,714	0.65	23,172	0.77	2,966	0.53			79,541	\$57,753.54	0.73	
Mercer	39,212	0.95	21,173	1.29	8,274	1.05	98,621	0.47	11,414	0.58	43,233	0.69	11,328	0.61			233,255	\$163,119.54	0.70	
Mifflin	5,023	0.90	687	0.91	28,801	0.39	79,250	0.15	23,780	0.25	27,564	0.24	53,697	0.46			218,802	\$65,693.53	0.30	

County	Meat		Poultry		Dairy		Vegetables		Fruits		Grains		Other		Formula		Total	Total Cost	Average	Vouchers
	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.	Pounds or Cases	of Food Purchased	Cost Per Pound	Purchased/Other
Monroe	32,817	2.26	23,172	1.20	14,098	0.73	40,590	0.86	34,523	0.87	29,967	1.23	6,000	1.06	1	34.64	181,169	\$220,434.59	1.22	
Montgomery	59,016	1.73	37,520	1.60	66,597	0.93	169,399	0.69	123,143	0.82	81,018	0.99	34,615	0.86	234	1.23	572,442	\$554,697.77	0.97	\$1,800.00
Montour	2,787	2.03	200	1.65	2,088	0.63	1,640	0.96	2,425	1.25	2,607	0.85	1,055	1.43			12,802	\$15,811.12	1.24	
Northampton	69,959	1.21	23,760	0.92	6,750	0.42	133,547	0.40	128,382	0.41	88,337	0.54	108,805	0.55			559,540	\$322,927.29	0.58	
Northumberland	23,149	1.15	6,474	0.89	17,109	0.72	27,007	0.52	31,781	0.72	24,822	0.37	41,938	0.86			172,280	\$126,965.45	0.74	
Perry	15217	0.21	9542	0.17	34581	0.32	52098	0.13	21801	0.26	43218	0.2	33491	0.31			209,948	\$47,120.51	0.22	
Philadelphia	1,255,801	0.60	716,130	0.75	427,913	0.74	4,892,772	0.15	3,903,214	0.14	1,400,118	0.56	98,148	0.88			12,694,096	\$3,772,415.09	0.30	
Pike	10,400	1.82	6,237	1.58	6,852	0.89	19,101	0.56	18,956	0.49	9,037	1.18	1,985	0.96			72,569	\$67,328.56	0.93	
Potter	1,878	1.63	454	1.23	2,495	0.86	4,399	0.59	9,530	0.62	8,362	0.39	11,144	0.87			38,262	\$27,372.63	0.72	
Schuykill	118,769	0.77	50,079	0.30	371	0.93	50,468	0.67	52,817	0.81	54,413	0.7	5,769	0.19			332,686	\$222,413.28	0.67	
Snyder	17,433	0.55	7,388	0.94	6,226	0.21	18,559	0.34	20,292	0.34	9,490	0.7	10,577	0.81			89,966	\$46,410.29	0.52	
Somerset	9,652	0.42	9,105	0.93	4,618	0.64	44,075	0.56	18,742	0.75	20,495	0.72	28,810	0.81			135,496	\$92,118.69	0.68	
Sullivan	456	2.16	2,437	4.48	72	2.65	497	1.12	135	1.69	745	1.49	140	2.36			4,482	\$6,998.59	1.56	
Susquehanna	3,515	2.76	100	0.99	722	0.59	21,385	0.62	14,343	0.76	3,090	0.13	10,858	0.83			54,012	\$47,644.14	0.88	
Tioga	2,720	2.31	192	1.67	3,286	0.71	12,548	0.51	15,168	0.72	13,102	0.37	24,990	0.88			72,006	\$53,129.05	0.74	
Union	4,099	2.94	7,050	1.01	2,879	1.34	5,784	0.69	3,583	0.72	4,994	0.54	367	1.17			28,756	\$32,731.64	1.14	
Venango	3,148	3.82	227	2.90	973	2.88	3,290	2.1	3,739	1.90	3,232	2.53	2,793	2.12			14,535	\$89,324.08	6.15	\$28,290.48
Warren	3,706	2.36	1,580	1.96	230	1.52	6,072	1.1	5,788	1.26	6,009	1.46	14,476	1.29			37,861	\$53,642.30	1.42	
Washington	11,760	1.33	6,468	1.61			88,655	0.55	49,391	0.57	67,175	0.87	79,933	0.65			303,382	\$216,636.45	0.71	
Wayne	3,600	2.58	4,839	1.20	1,350	0.66	23,124	0.56	8,955	0.88	3,625	1.3	29,890	1.26			75,383	\$61,704.47	0.82	
Westmoreland	131,040	0.33	13,200	0.60	127,575	0.38	193,690	0.51	138,375	0.48	84,102	0.85	112,666	0.55			800,648	\$399,310.55	0.50	
Wyoming	4,317	2.22	5,700	1.40	173	4.08	4,729	0.58	9,111	0.85	4,059	1	846	1.85			28,937	\$34,384.09	1.19	
York	68,530	0.80	19,905	0.41	339,983	0.26	586,446	0.16	181,487	0.40	242,910	0.25	281,326	0.55			1,720,587	\$535,900.52	0.31	
	3,522,222		1,735,405		3,806,088		12,612,063		7,968,322		5,368,047		2,953,958		7,179		38,274,240			\$30,090.48

Appendix D

Minutes from Emergency Food Assistance Advisory Committee Meetings

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

Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Steveanna Wynn 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, Jane Clements-Smith, Kathy Fisher, Heather Foor, Alice Gray, Camille Horton, Rich Kutz, Christine Mullin, and Mary Ann Warren. Also in attendance from the Department of Agriculture were Cheryl Cook, Caryn Long Earl, Melissa Patterson, and Melissa Seiple.

AGENDA - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Christine Mullin, 2nd by Kathy Fisher

MINUTES (from April 17, 2018 meeting) – Motion to approve minutes was made by Joe Arthur and 2nd by Jane Clements-Smith.

PRESENTATION ON HUNTERS SHARING THE HARVEST – John Plowman, Executive Director of Hunters Sharing the Harvest, provided a venison donation season update. John provided information on the program and described how it works. He also provided the committee with a handout with program statistics. There was also a discussion of the amount of funds that Hunters Sharing the Harvest receives and what the plan is moving forward for this program regarding continued support from the Department of Agriculture.

STATE BUDGET – FY 18/29 – Caryn provided an update on State FY 18/19 budget which was passed prior to the June 30, 2018 deadline. The Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) was flat funded at \$2.07 million. The State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) was funded at \$19.688 million, a \$500,000 increase over the previous year. The additional funding was intended for the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS), which is funded out of the SFPP line item. In total, PASS received \$1.5 million in State Fiscal Year 18/19.

SFPP/PASS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE FY 19/20 – Hunger Free Pennsylvania and Feeding Pennsylvania have recommended that the Department of Agriculture request \$24 million for the SFPP line item in State FY 19/20. This would include \$21 million for SFPP and \$3 million for PASS. A motion was made by Jane Clements-Smith for the committee to recommend a request of \$21 million for SFPP in SFY 19/20, 2nd by Rich Kutz. A motion was made by Sheila Christopher for the committee to recommend a request of \$3 million for PASS in SFY 19/20, 2nd by Jane Clements Smith.

FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

For federal appropriation, the FY19 fiscal year begins on October 1, 2018, though there will likely be a Continuing Resolution instead of a fully-passed appropriation. Both the U.S. House and Senate passed individual Ag appropriations bills earlier this year. In both bills, TEFAP commodities are funded at \$294 million and TEFAP administrative is funded at \$64.4 million. The House included a provision which allows for up to 15% of the value of TEFAP food allocations to be transferred into administrative dollars. The Senate only included authority for a 10% transfer. FMNP is funded by both the House and Senate at \$18.5 million. For CSFP, while the President proposed to zero out the program, both the House and Senate have opted to continue to fund it. The House funded the program at \$228 million, while the Senate funded it at \$238 million. We anticipate the caseload for Pennsylvania in FY19 will not change.

2018 FARM BILL UPDATE – The current bill expires on Sept. 30, 2018. While there are a number of issues holding up passage of a final bill, the largest impediment involves the SNAP work requirements that were included in the House Nutrition Title. To date, there has been one meeting of the Farm Bill conferees and there are still many issues that need to be worked through before a final agreement can be reached.

STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM (SFPP) – We are still waiting on a state plan for Philadelphia so their 1st quarter payment can be processed. Expense and data reports from 2017/2018 fiscal year were due on September 17, 2018. We must have this report before the 2nd quarter payments are processed. The information contained in the expense and data reports is needed in order to prepare the annual SFPP report, which is due to the state legislature by December 31 each year.

FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (FMNP) – There were 70 new farmers added this year, but we have also lost a number of farmers due to retirement. As of end of August, we are at \$108,000 above redemption compared to where we were last year. However, we are not sure how the rain is going to affect the total redemption rate. Last meeting, we were talking about doing a mobile app. Recipients do have to have a mobile device to be able to use this. The app would aid recipients with finding locations at which they can go to redeem FMNP checks. The Department currently has a new developer working on the app and plans to have the app ready for use by June 1, 2019.

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) – Lead agencies were surveyed to determine which TEFAP Entitlement products they would like to receive in the coming year. (Prior to making any TEFAP Entitlement orders, the department will consider what products the state is receiving through TEFAP Bous and TEFAP Trade Mitigation prior to ordering any TEFAP Entitlement.) One of the items that rated high on the survey was cereal. This commodity presents a unique challenge because USDA has changed how they deliver the product – delivering it on slip sheets instead of on pallets. Removing this type of packaging from the trucks requires either specialized machinery or requires us to pay “lumpers” to

come in and move the cereal onto pallets. Last meeting, we discussed looking into the cost of the equipment, but have determined it is cost prohibitive. To date, the department has provided reimbursement to the contract distributors to cover the lumber costs, using TEFAP administrative funds to cover these fees. With the concurrence of EFAAC, the department will look to continue this practice in the coming fiscal year.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP) – Sheila Christopher provided an update on the results of the recent USDA CSFP Management Evaluation (ME). Sheila passed out the information on the preliminary results of the ME and indicated that corrective actions have already begun to address the limited number of findings. Sheila also gave an update on the current status of the CSFP program.

PASS UPDATE – Joe Arthur provided an update on the PASS program and where we currently are with that growing program. As of the end of August 2018, more than 7.5 million pounds of product has been acquired and distributed through PASS since the program began.

OLD BUSINESS

TEFAP MANAGEMENT EVALUATION – The department is working on developing a webinar to get all information out to all Counties and Lead Agencies. In the coming months we will have a webinar to roll all the pieces out. We will have to go to one single contract that is going to be for both TEFAP and/or State Food. This contract is still in the works.

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT SFPP FOOD DEFINITION – We had a presentation at the last EFAAC meeting from Chester County Food Bank and it was decided that we should open up the definition of food for State Food to include spices and oils. There was also discussion about putting together a committee to look at this information. The other piece we need to look at are if we can mirror TEFAP or do we need to make a change to the statutes or regulations? Kathy Fisher, Heather Foor and Camille Horton volunteered to be on this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

UPCOMING EFAAC VACANCIES – Steveanna reviewed the positions that will need to be filled in the near future. We need recommendations to fill these positions. They can be sent to Caryn by October 19th.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMIN FUNDING FOR TEFAP TRADE MITIGATION – Caryn provided information on USDA's newly announced Trade Mitigation Program. Of the \$12 billion announced to support agriculture, \$1.2 billion has been set aside for food assistance. The bulk of this \$1.2 billion will be distributed as TEFAP nationwide. This product will be offered in 4 phases. Delivery times will be December through March for Phase 1, April through June for Phase 2, July through September for Phase 3, and October through December for Phase 4. Ordering for those and the announcements will come in the prior quarter and each phase will have at least two rounds of offerings. There will always be fresh apples offered throughout all phases, as well as frozen pork. To distribute all this additional

product, the department is looking at expanding the locations to which it provides Bonus and/or Trade Mitigation TEFAP. Stipulations are that PDA currently doesn't have funds to provide any administrative dollars and cannot send product to anyone that cannot accept a minimum of ¼ of a tractor trailer.

Recognizing that the only way some Counties or Lead Agencies are going to be able to take the increased number of commodities will be to contract for off-site storage, PDA is looking into identifying funding to help with administrative costs incurred in handling TEFAP Trade Mitigation. One idea is to use the \$500,000 that is set aside for TEFAP within the SFPP budget to help offset some of the cost for doing this. PDA also has ability to transfer up to 15% of TEFAP Entitlement food dollars into TEFAP administrative dollars. These are the funds that were traditionally used to provide "5th quarter" payments to the counties. The tradeoff for not receiving this 5th quarter payment for SFPP or TEFAP would be an increased amount of USDA commodities.

Steveanna asked for a recommendation regarding the amount of money that should come out of state food to be set aside to assist with TEFAP costs. She noted the most we ever set aside was \$1.5 million.

Currently we have \$500,00 for the current state fiscal year. A motion was made by Sheila Christopher to request a set aside of up to \$2 million from SFPP in SFY 19/20 to assist with TEFAP costs, 2nd by Mary Ann Warren.

STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM LEGISLATION – There was a legislative proposal floated in June 2018 to reform SFPP and how it is allocated, though legislation was never formally introduced. The legislator who floated the idea is retiring, but according House staff, there is another member interested in proposing this legislation in the next legislative session. The proposal would change the way SFPP is allocated – from an automatic 67-county grant allocation to a competitively awarded allocation. From a department perspective, this is going to be a challenge because it would place an administrative burden on the department without providing the ability for PDA to retain any funding or bring additional staff on board. The department has other logistical concerns as well. PDA will continue to monitor this legislation if/when it is introduced in 2019 or 2020.

DISTRIBUTOR CHALLENGES – Alice Gray commented on the delivery challenges her county (Juniata) has experienced with one of the distributors (Imler's Poultry) with whom PDA contracts to distribute TEFAP Entitlement foods. Caryn recommended that any county and/or pantry that is experiencing issues send an email to Melissa Patterson informing her of these issues. This will allow PDA to document the issue as well as work to help facilitate a resolution

Next meeting – The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2019.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Sheila Christopher, 2nd Rich Kutz.

**EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF FOOD ASSISTANCE
Minutes of the March 27, 2019 Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Jane Clements-Smith called the meeting to order in Rom 202 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, Caitlin Palmer, Alice Gray, Patrick Druhan, and Heather Foor. Also in attendance from the Department of Agriculture were Cheryl Cook, Caryn Long Earl, Sandy Hopple, Melissa Patterson, and Melissa Seiple.

AGENDA - Motion to approve the agenda was made by Sheila Christopher, 2nd by Kate Scully

MINUTES (from September 19, 2018 meeting) – Motion to approve minutes was made by Sheila Christopher and 2nd by Brinda Penyak.

BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS – Governor Wolf’s state FY2019-20 budget proposal included \$19.688 million for the State Food Purchase Program Line Item – \$18.188 million for SFPP and \$1.5 million for PASS. It also included a proposed \$2.079 million for the Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Federal FY 2019 appropriations for TEFAP included \$294.5 million for the purchase of food for TEFAP and \$109.63 million to pay for TEFAP administrative costs. It also included \$238.1 million for CSFP. WIC FMNP received approximately \$18.5 million. In the President’s FY2020 proposed budget CSFP and WIC FMNP are eliminated. \$320.8 million is proposed for TEFAP commodities, and \$54.4 million is proposed for TEFAP administrative funding. The President’s budget proposal also includes a cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program of \$220 billion (about 30 percent) over ten years

2018 FARM BILL UPDATE – The Bill passed in December 2018 and the funding for TEFAP increased for Federal FY2019 by an additional \$23 million. In Federal FY2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, there will be an additional \$35 million provided for TEFAP each year. An additional \$20 million was included for “PROJECTS TO HARVEST, PROCESS, PACKAGE, OR TRANSPORT DONATED COMMODITIES.” USDA hopes to have guidance out about this program later this summer and hopes to be able to award funds by September 30, 2019. The bill also included continued funding for Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (~\$20.6 million annually).

STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM (SFPP) – An email was sent out letting everyone know that the 4th quarter payments were processed. These funds will be received in early April. There was also an email sent out stating there will not be a 5th quarter payment. The current contract is for one more year and there will be an email sent out in June requesting the State Plans that are due.

FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (FMNP) – Redemption rate for WIC in 2018 was 41% and for Seniors was 79%. This has dropped for both programs due to the wet weather that we have been having. In 2018, FMNP recipients redeemed a combined total of more than \$4.1 million worth of checks with approved farmers for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables grown in Pennsylvania. The app that we wanted to create to help recipients locate approved farm stands and markets is currently on the Governor’s desk for approval. The Departments of Health and Aging will assist to get this app out for people to use. This app will be both Android and Apple compatible.

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) – We are taking advantage of the additional funding provided in the Farm Bill for fiscal year 2019 to convert 15% of food funding into administrative dollars. These funds will be used to help defray the costs to food banks of handling TEFAP Trade Mitigation product. USDA has also provided some additional funding to help with Trade Mitigation. For Trade Mitigation Phase 2, \$2,000 per truckload will be provided to the state. We do not yet know what funding for phases 3 and 4 look like at this point. We currently have agreements in place with food banks and local agencies that were accepting bonus TEFAP commodities. These contracts did not include the ability for the Department of Agriculture to provide any sort of financial reimbursement, so these contracts will have to be redone to include this language. There will still be no funds for bonus. USDA did not provide funds for phase 1 but we will be providing this.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP) – Current caseload is 36,200 and the food value for this is \$8 million. In August 2018 there was a Management Evaluation conducted by USDA. Sheila provided information on the findings. Caryn addressed recertification changes that were included in the 2018 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill extended the “MINIMUM CERTIFICATION PERIOD” from 1 year to 3 years. Pennsylvania will be looking to move to a 2-year certification period, subject to approval from USDA. Sheila also provided information on the Fiscal Year 2019 Standardization of Program Administration – Policies and Procedures. Information was provided on the Link2Feed Client Data Software Program. Sheila provided a handout for the Food Package Changes.

PASS Update – Joe Arthur provided an update on the PASS program. We need to help people to understand this program better. We have some challenges with this because there are still about 30 counties that don’t have a farmer participating in PASS, so we are working with the PASS advisory committee to spread the word in the Agriculture community that this program exists. We want to spread the sourcing to all 67 counties. There were several counties where there was very little product moved so we are currently addressing that issue.

OLD BUSINESS

TEFAP Management Evaluation – This evaluation was conducted the fall of 2017. The findings were sent out to counties and lead agencies. Caryn discussed what the findings were and how we will resolve these in the future.

SFPP Food Definition – This committee was set up but had never met to discuss anything. We would like to look at this committee and get any volunteers. Heather Foor was on the original committee. Camille will head this and Jane also joined the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Jesse Kowalick and John Winters from the Department of Community and Economic Development provided a presentation on the Neighborhood Assistance Program/Charitable Food Program Tax Credits.

Next meeting – The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2019.

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 2018-2019, 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 1.5 million individuals were served by SFPP in 2018-2019.
- 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 970 farmer's markets and farm stands. In 2019, more than 139,000 eligible individuals received and redeemed more than \$1.1 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 2019, more than \$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 \$55.5 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 food to local agencies that directly serve the public. For this report period, more than 24 million pounds of TEFAP entitlement and bonus food and more

than 14.8 million pounds of trade mitigation food was distributed serving approximately 1.4 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.
- 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 80 locations throughout the state participating in SFSP who opted to receive federal commodities in 2019.

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, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

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 2018-2019, 56 different types of products were sourced from PASS donors. These products include: apples, asparagus, broccoli, butter, cabbage, cheese, chicken, corn, cucumbers, eggs, green beans, ground beef, lettuce, milk, peaches, pears, potatoes, squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, yogurt, and zucchini. (A full list of products can be found in Appendix G.)

In total in FY 2018-2019, 2,716,160 pounds of PASS product was donated from a total of 66 Pennsylvania agricultural producers representing 32 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 Bank of Mercer County	www.foodwarehouse.org	109 Sharpsville Ave.	Sharon	16416	PA
Greater Berks Food Bank	www.berksfoodbank.org	117 Morgan Drive	Reading	19608	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
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 2018-2019, 2,682,439 pounds of PASS products were distributed to 484,248 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 2018-2019

acorn squash	cottage cheese	pears
apple cider	cucumbers	potatoes
apple sauce	eggplant	pork
apples	eggs	pumpkins
arugula	endive	sausage
asparagus	green beans	spaghetti squash
bacon	green peppers	spinach
beef	ground beef	squash
broccoli	ground turkey	sunflower shoots
butter	ham	sweet peppers
butternut squash	hot dogs	sweet potatoes
cabbage	jalapenos	swiss chard
cantaloupes	kale	tomatoes
carrots	leafy greens	turnip
cauliflower	lettuce	watermelon
cheese	milk	winter squash
chicken	nectarines	yogurt
collard greens	onions	zucchini
corn	peaches	

Appendix H

Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) Distribution Report FY 2018-2019

County of Distribution	PASS Pounds Distributed	PASS Food Cost	Total Households Served
Adams	12,188	\$ 6,237	2,424
Allegheny	535,255	\$ 109,904	58,540
Armstrong	21,700	\$ 3,193	2,810
Beaver	71,264	\$ 15,144	6,214
Bedford	2,639	\$ 4,835	519
Berks	68,600	\$ 24,264	5,319
Blair	36,252	\$ 15,509	4,504
Bradford	6,281	\$ 6,074	843
Bucks	63,577	\$ 36,168	24,486
Butler	37,407	\$ 12,416	5,294
Cambria	25,784	\$ 15,549	3,376
Cameron	289	\$ 646	202
Carbon	3,296	\$ 3,733	2,885
Centre	6,671	\$ 6,484	569
Chester	51,251	\$ 32,898	2,303
Clarion	6,622	\$ 4,039	1,748
Clearfield	13,786	\$ 9,530	3,315
Clinton	4,685	\$ 4,219	484
Columbia	8,122	\$ 5,693	1,104
Crawford	7,518	\$ 8,383	2,219
Cumberland	34,784	\$ 14,156	3,364
Dauphin	70,703	\$ 31,583	6,715
Delaware	59,148	\$ 43,154	5,915
Elk	2,373	\$ 2,559	764
Erie	36,404	\$ 36,739	82,752
Fayette	98,484	\$ 17,713	9,014
Forest	263	\$ 475	110
Franklin	21,839	\$ 12,426	1,966
Fulton	2,458	\$ 1,422	346
Greene	28,450	\$ 4,627	2,707
Huntingdon	11,257	\$ 4,291	1,378
Indiana	32,083	\$ 4,791	3,191
Jefferson	4,007	\$ 4,455	2,527
Juniata	4,694	\$ 1,685	197
Lackawanna	48,163	\$ 28,157	5,217
Lancaster	74,000	\$ 40,091	6,658
Lawrence	38,472	\$ 10,308	8,935
Lebanon	24,354	\$ 12,229	2,073
Lehigh	35,770	\$ 35,175	24,102
Luzerne	52,404	\$ 30,137	6,200
Lycoming	15,782	\$ 12,137	1,717
McKean	6,082	\$ 4,597	1,435
Mercer	19,393	\$ 11,943	7,967

County of Distribution	PASS Pounds Distributed	PASS Food Cost	Total Households Served
Mifflin	11,660	\$ 4,836	1,745
Monroe	35,471	\$ 31,301	16,783
Montgomery	63,178	\$ 40,312	20,580
Montour	1,664	\$ 1,812	143
Northampton	25,783	\$ 21,785	23,684
Northumberland	8,370	\$ 9,857	982
Perry	6,348	\$ 3,302	806
Philadelphia	518,849	\$ 274,914	55,206
Pike	1,958	\$ 2,701	1,750
Potter	1,246	\$ 1,908	174
Schuylkill	11,986	\$ 7,546	1,692
Snyder	2,024	\$ 2,745	172
Somerset	38,907	\$ 7,075	4,672
Sullivan	2,649	\$ 979	851
Susquehanna	18,088	\$ 9,589	2,044
Tioga	3,691	\$ 4,264	388
Union	2,308	\$ 2,490	225
Venango	8,853	\$ 6,373	1,636
Warren	9,779	\$ 5,145	1,487
Washington	10,579	\$ 19,715	3,253
Wayne	1,519	\$ 1,104	834
Westmoreland	105,000	\$ 30,450	21,600
Wyoming	7,287	\$ 3,843	1,100
York	80,688	\$ 38,948	8,033
Grand Total	2,682,439	\$ 1,222,762	484,248