# BID. BUY. DONATE.

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

## **HOW IT WORKS**

### BID

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

#### BUY

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

### **DONATE**

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

# BENEFITTING YOUTH AGRICULTURE AND PA COMMUNITIES

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

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