

PASS FY26 Year in Review

Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System



With so much food produced in Pennsylvania, there's no reason anyone in our state should experience hunger. And yet, more than **1.7 million Pennsylvanians** do, including more than **507,000 children**.

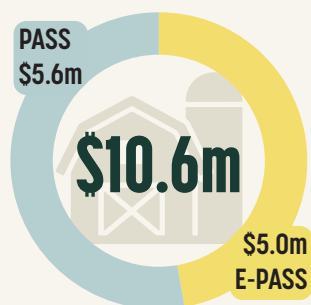
The Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS) helps bridge that gap, leveraging the existing expertise and capacity of the charitable food network to connect Pennsylvania farmers' surplus fresh produce, protein and dairy to those who need it most.

Created in 2010 to **reduce food waste, support farmers, and provide families facing hunger with fresh, local foods**, PASS enables food banks to purchase surplus products from Pennsylvania farmers and producers. Without PASS, these perfectly safe, wholesome items would likely go unharvested, sit in storage or be sent to a landfill, costing farmers and wasting nutritious food.

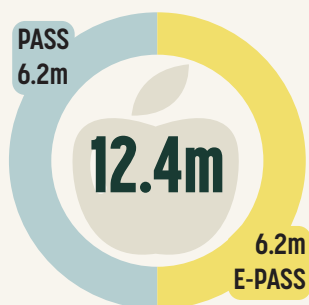
"[PASS] helps keep our farm in motion. It helps to keep us working. It eliminates this gap between food excess and food insecurity."

- Ola Creston, Taproot Farm,
Berks County, PA

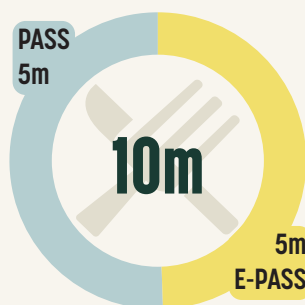
FY26 PASS Impacts



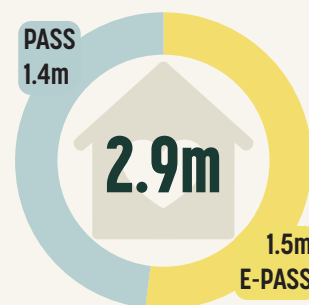
Paid to PA Producers



Pounds of Food



Meals Provided



Households Served

Emergency or E-PASS

When the federal government shutdown disrupted SNAP benefits in October 2025, Pennsylvania made an additional, one-time investment of \$5 million in Emergency PASS.

PASS food reaches families in **all 67 counties** in Pennsylvania through our network of **14 regional food banks** and over **3,000 local pantries** and distribution partners.

14
Regional
Food Banks

3,000
Local
Pantries

67
Counties

92% of FY26 PASS funds were spent on food purchases, directly supporting **120 farms and producers** in **42 counties**.

120
Farms &
Producers*

77%
Small
Businesses

42
Counties

*52 of the FY26 PASS vendors are aggregators, representing **over 1,600 individual farms**.



PASS is a Win-Win-Win for Pennsylvania

For Stronger Economies and Communities Across the Commonwealth

PASS keeps food purchasing dollars in Pennsylvania, strengthening local economies, supporting families facing hunger, and strengthening communities in every Pennsylvania county.

For Farmers and Producers

PASS creates markets for Pennsylvania agricultural products that may otherwise go unsold, providing fair compensation to farmers and producers while reducing food waste.

PASS enables vendors to grow their businesses, strengthen community ties, and enhance their visibility. Participating vendors reported stabilized revenue, expanded market access, and reduced food waste.

"[PASS] helped consume 30% or 40% of my crop that I would otherwise struggle finding a market for. It took a lot of stress off me to know I had stable market that I could sell my fruit to."

- Sam Heagy, Heagy's Orchard,
Crawford County, PA

There were **25 new PASS vendors** this year, including 12 former Local Food Purchase Agreement (LFPA) program participants that utilized PASS to continue working with the food banks after USDA canceled the LFPA program in early 2025.

"The ripple effects are clear—transportation companies, packaging suppliers, and even brokers benefit from our increased production."

- Fatma Baysal, Country Food LLC,
Cumberland County, PA

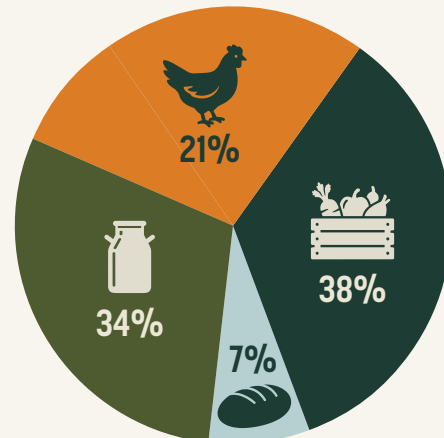
For Healthy Families

PASS helps food banks purchase fresh produce, dairy, protein, and other nutritious foods that are increasingly difficult to source but essential for the healthy diets families need to thrive.

Fresh produce, protein and dairy are among the most requested items by neighbors, yet they are often the least donated items, and the most expensive to purchase wholesale. PASS allows food banks to help fill those gaps by purchasing more of these fresh, nutritious foods from PA producers.

PASS Foods by Product Category

FY25-26



- 38% Produce
- 34% Dairy
- 21% Meat and Eggs
- 7% Value-Added Items

"Fresh fruits and vegetables are essential to neighbors because they can be so costly in the store. Receiving fruits and vegetables from farmers helps us in offering a balanced diet to our families."

- Debby Campbell, Christ Episcopal
Church Food Pantry, Monroe County, PA