Feeding Pennsylvania
(www.feedingpa.org)

State association of Feeding America food banks

Nine member food banks covering all 67 counties across the Commonwealth
- 2,700+ distribution agencies and feeding programs
- 164 million pounds of food annually
- Over 2 million Pennsylvanians served

Healthy Pantry Initiative

Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative

PASS Program and USDA programs
Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS)

Two million Pennsylvanians struggling with hunger everyday

PASS designed to help reduce waste of surplus product from local farms and provide increased access to nutritious foods

- 1.8m pounds distributed during 2020-2021 program year ($1.5m budget)
- Over 484,000 households served

Costs include:
- Harvesting – Processing – Packaging – Transportation
- Prices determined between vendor and food bank
Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System (PASS)

Surplus at Harvest
- Working together with food banks with product in acceptable condition to determine need

Value-Added Products
- Dairy products, meats, eggs, shelf-stable items

Contract Planting
- Working with your regional food bank to plan a portion of your production (product, quantity, related costs)
Food bank partners
Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) Program

Local Food Purchase Assistance Program
- American Rescue Plan / Build Back Better
- Evolved from the CFAP Food Box program
- Assisting local producers of all sizes get their fresh products into the charitable food system
- Focus on socially disadvantaged producers
- Direct-to-Agency option available

Goals of the program
- Maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency
- Provide funding to local, regional, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers through the purchase of domestic local foods
- Foods will meet needs of population through charitable food distribution, including organizations that reach underserved communities
- Food banks working with vendors for fair prices that help assist vendors while allowing food banks to maximize their impact
Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) Program

Eligible Products
- All products must be grown or raised within Pennsylvania
- Dairy products
- Meat (must be processed at USDA-inspected plant)
- Eggs
- Fruit, vegetables, potatoes
- Value-added items, if ingredients were grown in Pennsylvania

Eligible costs for reimbursement
- Product costs
- Itemized costs, including:
  - Harvesting
  - Processing
  - Packaging
  - Transportation
Additional food assistance programs

Farm to Food Bank Program
- Building relationships between producers and the charitable food network via donated food products
- Eligible itemized costs are covered – Harvesting, Processing, Packaging, and Transportation

Bid/Buy/Donate Program
Youth livestock auctions and County/Regional fairs
1. Youth participants sell their animals and keep the proceeds
2. Winning bidder donates animal to local food bank & may be eligible for tax benefit
3. PASS funds are used to cover processing, packaging, and transportation costs
- Partners include fair leadership, livestock superintendents, agriculture educators & 4-H/FFA, and USDA-certified processors
Contact info:

Tom Mainzer
Director of Agricultural Partnerships
Phone: 717-257-9850
tmainzer@feedingpa.org
www.feedingpa.org