

PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS SYSTEM

Legislative Request

Appropriate \$750,000 to the Department of Agriculture for the Pennsylvania Agriculture Surplus System.

Legislative Rational

PASS assists the Pennsylvania Agriculture Community by reimbursing growers, packers and processors for services needed to prepare the donations. This in turn permits the Food Bank Network to supply fresh Pennsylvania fruits and vegetables to people with food emergencies.

PASS specifically assists the Pennsylvania Agriculture Community in the following ways:

- a. Making transportation arrangements.
- b. Helping avoid high costs of landfill disposal.
- c. Creating positive public relations for producers.
- d. Increasing new market potential.
- e. Reducing overhead cost.
- f. Assuring the donation will be handled safely by inspected food banks.

PASS seeks to reduce food waste by encouraging redistribution of surplus fruits and vegetables to low-income people throughout Pennsylvania.

All funds for the PASS program are spent with Pennsylvania farmers, processors and food industry partners. The Food Bank Network is a market for farmers, helping them move product and avoid crop waste. Farmers need value-added processing opportunities to help move more of their products, which PASS provides.



Pilot Project Utilizing a \$50,000 Federal Grant:

Partner	Grant Amount	In-Kind Matching	Description
Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks	\$8,820	\$8,820	Program implementation and coordination September 2006 through August 2008.
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank	\$0	\$29,650	Transportation, storage and delivery cost [.18/#].
Rice Fruit Company	\$41,180	\$79,066	Cost of packaging of apples [.25/#]. Apples donated to the program [164,720# @ .48/#].
TOTAL	\$50,000	\$117,536	

State Funding Utilization Project FY 2008 -2009:

Partner	Grant Amount	In-Kind Donation	Description
Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks	\$15,000	\$5,000	Program implementation and coordination.
Pennsylvania Food Bank Network	\$75,000	\$400,200	Transportation, storage and delivery cost.
Pennsylvania Apple Packers	\$660,000	\$1,267,200	Cost of packaging of apples. Apples donated to the program.
TOTAL	\$750,000	\$1,672,400	