

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)



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Why USDA Foods?

- Include high quality fruits, vegetables, dairy products, whole grains, lean meats, poultry and fish.
- 100% American grown:
 - Support American farmers, keep local agriculture strong & stimulate the economy.
- Meet rigorous food safety standards.
- Meet nutritional standards:
 - Canned fruit in extra light syrup & frozen fruit with no added sugar.
 - Low-sodium canned vegetables & no-added salt frozen vegetables.
 - Reduced sodium & reduced fat cheese.
 - Lean & reduced sodium pork, chicken & turkey.

TEFAP – what is it?

- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program**
- USDA makes commodity foods available to State Distributing Agencies.
- States provide the food to local agencies that directly serve the public (food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.).
- Local organizations distribute the food to eligible recipients for household consumption or use them to prepare and serve meals in a congregate setting.
- Recipients of food for home use must meet income and household eligibility criteria.

SFPP

- **State Food Purchase Program**
- Pennsylvania's complement to TEFAP from the federal government, only instead of food PA provides funds.
- Counties are granted funds to purchase foods to distribute to the low income individuals who reside in that county.
- Not all states in the country participate in similar programs and PA leads the way to assist in feeding those who are food insecure.

Pennsylvania Income Eligibility

Total Household Income (based on 185% of Poverty) Effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
Household of 1	\$25,142	\$2,095	\$484
Household of 2	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$651
Household of 3	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$819
Household of 4	\$51,338	\$4,278	\$987
Household of 5	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,155
Household of 6	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,323
Household of 7	\$77,534	\$6,461	\$1,491
Household of 8	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659
For each additional family member add:	\$8,732	\$728	\$168

Self-Declaration of Need



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"Self Declaration of Need"

Effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Children (0-17) _____
 Adults _____
 Seniors (60 and up) _____

_____ Recipient Name			_____ Agency Representative Signature		_____ Date
_____ Street Address			_____ Distribution Site Name		_____ Number
_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip	_____ Distribution Site Location		

The Emergency Food Assistance Program is operated in accordance with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Eligibility is based upon the income guidelines listed below. The recipient circles the entire line that applies to their Household Size, understanding they must be at, or below, the income level indicated to be eligible for program benefits.

Household Size	Total Household Income (based on 185% of Poverty)						
	Circle One	Annual	Monthly	Weekly			
1	\$	25,142	\$	2,095	\$	484	
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I understand the household income limitations and hereby certify that my household size and income make me eligible for participation in the program. I also certify that, as of today, my household lives in the area served by Pennsylvania in The Emergency Food Assistance Program. This certification form is being completed in connection with the receipt of Federal assistance.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT MAY RESULT IN MY HAVING TO PAY FOR THE VALUE OF THE FOOD IMPROPERLY ISSUED TO ME AND MAY SUBJECT ME TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.

Recipient Signature

Date

Return completed form to your designated county agency. If you are unsure of the correct agency, please call the Bureau at 1-800-468-2433.

THIS FORM IS NOT TO BE ALTERED OR CHANGED IN ANY WAY.

PLEASE REFER TO THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR AN IMPORTANT USDA NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT



Feeding Pennsylvania

- **Feeding Pennsylvania member food banks:**
 - Serve all 67 counties across the Commonwealth
 - Serve nearly 2 million people annually
 - Distribute more than 164 million pounds of food annually throughout Pennsylvania to more than 2,700 agencies and feeding programs



Feeding PA Food Banks



- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank - 717.564.1700
- Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County
724.981.0353
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
412.460.3663
- Philabundance - 215.339.0900

- Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley & Northeast PA
484.287.4015
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania
814.459.3663
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest PA
and Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

- Westmoreland County Food Bank
724.468.8660
- H&J Weinberg NEPA Regional Food Bank
570.908.2222
- Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank
610.926.5802

Hunger-Free Pennsylvania

- Hunger-Free Pennsylvania's statewide network of 17 food banks serves all 67 counties in the year-round battle to ensure a hunger free Pennsylvania
- Administers the Senior Food Box Program, formally known as CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) for all of PA
- Butler County – Community Partnership
- Bucks County Opportunity Council
- Central PA Food Bank
- Community Food Warehouse – Mercer County
- Fayette County Community Action Agency
- Food For Families – Cambria County
- Helping Harvest Food Bank
- Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank
- Food Helpers - Washington & Greene Counties
- Indiana County Community Action
- Philabundance Food Bank
- Second Harvest FB of NE PA
- Second Harvest FB of NW PA
- Share Food Program
- Weinberg NE PA Regional FB
- Westmoreland County Food Bank
- York County Food Bank



Food Bank vs. Food Pantry

- A **Food Bank** acts as a regional grocery warehouse for food pantry partners to obtain food supplies.



- A **Food Pantry** is a community site that distributes food and other products directly to those facing hunger.



Senior Food Box Program

- The Senior Food Box Program works to improve the health of low-income seniors by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods.
- Eligible participants include low-income individuals who are at least 60 years old and whose household income is at or below 130% of the U.S. poverty level.
- [Senior Food Box Program \(pa.gov\)](http://pa.gov)

Senior Food Box Program

- Each box may contain:
 - Vegetables, low-salt, canned
 - Fruit, light syrup, canned
 - Juices
 - Shelf-stable or dried milk
 - Canned meat, poultry, or fish proteins
 - Plant-based proteins
 - Pasta or rice
 - Cereals, ready-to-eat or Oats
 - 2-pound block of cheese



PASS

Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System

- Connects production agriculture and the non-profit sector who provides food to those at risk of hunger.
- The agriculture industry donates the food while being reimbursed for the costs in moving it to the food banks.
- PA State budget helps fund the processes of harvesting, packaging and transporting the food.
- Anyone eligible to receive TEFAP and SFPP can receive PASS foods too.



As the administrator of the PASS program, Feeding Pennsylvania plays a critical role in bridging the gap between our food banks and Pennsylvania farms. PASS funding invests in Pennsylvania agriculture while delivering nutritious food to families facing hunger.

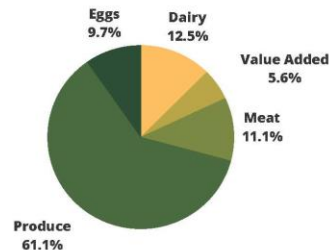
1.7 MILLION
POUNDS DISTRIBUTED
IN ALL 67 COUNTIES

486,148
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

70 VENDORS
FROM
33 COUNTIES



PASS VENDORS



TOP ITEMS

Product	lbs.
Mixed Produce	284,660
Apples	248,578
Fluid Milk	145,660
Applesauce	125,268
Potatoes	118,330
Leafy Greens	113,914
Pork	91,052
Beef	41,270
Cheese	29,923

For more information, please contact:

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MilitaryShare Program

- Many PA Food Banks provide food assistance through a program called *MilitaryShare*.
- All branches, prior service, reservist, inactive ready reserve and family members are welcome.
- Distributions vary around the state and take place at armories, VFW, AMVET and VA Medical Center locations.
- Registration is helpful to prepare ample products for each distribution.
- Check with your local Food Bank to learn if they participate in the *MilitaryShare* program.



Other Feeding Resources

Online searches:

- County Commissioners Offices and websites = search by the county you live in, example = [Welcome to Dauphin County, PA.](#)
- Department of Aging – Congregate and Home Delivered meals = [Meals \(pa.gov\)](#)
- Department of Agriculture – Food Assistance = [Food Assistance \(pa.gov\)](#)
- Department of Education – Child Feeding Programs = [Food and Nutrition \(pa.gov\)](#)
- Department of Human Services – SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps = [SNAP \(pa.gov\)](#)
- Department of Health – WIC = [PA WIC \(pawic.com\)](#)

Questions?

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