

Agriculture Resource Handbook

I wonder
where I can
find out...



**A directory of
valuable resources of
interest to the local
agricultural producer.**



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Sustainable Agriculture(cont.)

PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture

114 West Main Street
P.O. Box 419
Millheim, PA 16854
Telephone: 814-349-9856
www.pasafarming.org

Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) is a nonprofit organization working to improve the economic and social prosperity of Pennsylvania food and agriculture. We work with the farmers that grow our food, the consumers that eat the food, and those concerned with the ecological well-being of our environment and natural resources.

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

William Curran, State Coordinator
Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences
The Pennsylvania State University
116 ASI Building
University Park, PA 16802
Telephone: 814-863-1014
www.sare.org

Since 1988, the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program has helped advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities through a nationwide research and education grants program. The program, part of USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, funds projects and conducts outreach designed to improve agricultural systems.



Sustainable Agriculture



**Alliance for Sustainable Communities-
Lehigh Valley**

1966 Creek Road
Bethlehem, PA 18015
Telephone: 610-838-7666 or 610-838-2440
www.sustainlv.org

The Alliance for Sustainable Communities-Lehigh Valley is composed of individuals, organizations, small businesses, and farmers concerned about the welfare of the Greater Lehigh Valley. Its mission is to work on sustaining and enhancing the quality of life in this area.

National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture

P.O. Box 396
Pine Bush, NY 12566
Telephone: 845-361-5201
www.sustainableagriculture.net

The National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture is a diverse nationwide partnership of individuals and organizations cultivating grass roots efforts to engage in policy development processes that result in food and agricultural systems and rural communities that are healthy, environmentally sound, profitable, humane and just. The National Campaign provides a forum for innovative ideas and practical solutions about the way food is grown, produced, processed and marketed.

National Sustainable Agriculture Information Svc—ATTRA

P.O. Box 3657
Fayetteville, AR 72702
Telephone: 800-346-9140
<http://attra.ncat.org>

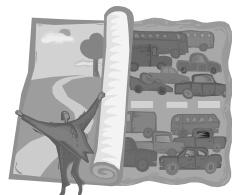
ATTRA provides information and other technical assistance to farmers, educators, Extension agents, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the U.S.

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The intention of this publication is to provide unbiased information on a variety of agricultural resources.

Advocacy Groups



American Farmland Trust

1200 18th Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036
Telephone: 202-331-7300
www.farmland.org

Founded in 1980 by a group of farmers and conservationists concerned about the rapid loss of the nation's farmland to development, American Farmland Trust (AFT) is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting our nation's strategic agricultural resources. Working with farmers and ranchers, political leaders and community activists, AFT has helped to permanently protect more than a million acres of America's best farm and ranch land.

The Conservation Fund

105 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Telephone: 717-230-8166
www.conservationfund.org

The Conservation Fund is the nation's foremost environmental nonprofit dedicated to protecting America's most important landscapes and waterways. Through its partnership-driven approach, the Fund works across all 50 states to preserve each region's unique natural resources, cultural heritage and historic places. The Fund also offers a variety of publications, from smart growth to Civil War Battlefields, which can be purchased either online or by phone.

Green Valley Coalition

P.O. Box 3407
Wescosville, PA 18106
Telephone: 610-767-6335
www.greenvalleycoalition.org

This is a Lehigh Valley based non-profit organization with the following vision and mission: To promote healthy communities, sensible land use and open space preservation through advocacy, education and coalition-building throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Support (cont.)

PA Young Farmers Association

www.payoungfarmers.com

The mission of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association is to educate and promote the environmentally appropriate production, marketing, and processing of food, feed and fiber. One of their objectives is to provide information on support from technical and management services to production and agribusiness personnel that will maximize economic efficiency of available resources and ensure a safe environmentally sound operation. For more information about the organization, there are contact e-mail addresses on the website.

Penn Ag Industries Association

2215 Forest Hills Drive
Suite 39
Harrisburg, PA 17112-1099
Telephone: 717-651-5920
www.pennag.com

Penn Ag Industries Association works to create and maintain an effective, viable, and competitive environment for Pennsylvania agri-business to grow and prosper. They achieve this by monitoring regulations and legislation, networking among agricultural organizations and educating decision-makers on the importance of agribusiness to the communities of the Commonwealth.

**Southeastern PA Research Conservation
& Development Council (RC&D)**

1000 East Walnut Street, Suite 704
Perkasie, PA 18944
Telephone: 215-453-9527 Ext. 5
<http://separcd.org>

The Southeastern PA RC&D's mission is to improve the quality of life for people in the region by promoting programs that conserve and enhance the area's natural and community resources. The RC&D partners with local groups, businesses, and agencies throughout the region to accomplish locally important projects. The Southeastern PA RC&D Council can assist by finding sources of funding, project partners, and/or the personnel to complete a project.

Support (cont.)

PA Future Farmers of America (FFA) Association

2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Telephone: 717-705-9551
www.paffa.state.pa.us

The Pennsylvania FFA Association makes a positive difference in the lives of nearly 8,000 students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The organization motivates young people to make positive contributions to their homes, schools, communities and country.

PA State Grange

20 Erford Road
Suite 310
Lemoyne, PA. 17043
Telephone: 1-800-552-3865
www.pagrang.org

The Grange is a family fraternal organization dedicated to the betterment of rural America through community service, education, legislation and fellowship.

PA Women's Agricultural Network

c/o Linda Moist
507 Agriculture, Science & Industry (ASI) Bldg
University Park, PA 16802
Telephone: 814-865-7031
<http://wagn.cas.psu.edu>

The Pennsylvania Women's Agricultural Network (PA-WAgN) supports women in agriculture by providing a positive learning environment, networking, and empowerment. PA-WAgN members are women farmers, agricultural professionals, and educators committed to supporting and providing educational opportunities to women working in agriculture and ag-related businesses.

Advocacy Groups (cont.)

The Nature Conservancy

15 East Ridge Pike
Suite 500
Conshohocken, PA 19428
Telephone: 610-834-1323
www.nature.org

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working to protect the most ecologically important lands and waters around the world for nature *and* people.

Pennsylvania Land Trust Association

105 Locust Street, Suite 300
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Telephone: 717-230-8560
www.conserveland.org

The Pennsylvania Land Trust Association seeks to protect Pennsylvania's special places and landscapes for today and for generations to come. To increase the quality and pace of land conservation, PALTA helps conservation practitioners improve their effectiveness, builds public understanding, and advocates for better governmental policy.

Wildlands Conservancy

3701 Orchard Place
Emmaus, PA 18049
Telephone: 610-965-4397
www.wildlandspa.org

Wildlands Conservancy's mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the land, water, ecological, and recreational resources of the region. They fulfill their vision and mission through involvement with many partners in broad-based educational programs, various land-protection and stewardship strategies, science-informed water quality and ecological restoration projects, comprehensive community planning efforts, plus greenway and recreational trail development.

Conservation Planning



The Center for Dirt and Gravel Road Studies

The Pennsylvania State University
207 Research Unit D
University Park, PA 16802
Telephone: 866-No-To-Mud (866-668-6683)
www.dirtandgravelroads.org

Sediment from roads, farms, construction sites, logging, and a host of other sources is the largest single contributor of pollution of the state's waters. The Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission's Dirt and Gravel Road Maintenance Program provides training and funding to local road owning entities to mitigate sediment pollution to streams originating from dirt and gravel roads. The program annually apportions \$4 million to county conservation districts who administer the program at the local level.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Bethlehem Field Office
3910 Adler Place, Suite 110
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Telephone: 610-625-8392, ext. 109
www.nrcs.usda.gov

Since 1935, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (originally called the Soil Conservation Service) has provided leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private landowners and managers conserve their soil, water, and other natural resources. NRCS employees provide technical assistance based on sound science and suited to a customer's specific needs. They provide financial assistance for many conservation activities. Participation in the programs is voluntary.



Support (cont.)

PA Farm Bureau

General Office:
510 S 31st St, PO Box 8736
Camp Hill, PA 17001
Telephone: 717-761-2740
www.pfb.com

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is a general farm organization providing legislative support, services and information to Pennsylvania's farmers and rural families since 1950. The Farm Bureau provides its farming members with representation in Washington and Harrisburg concerning farming legislation. Farm Bureau provides members with services such as: Dodge rebates, long distance telephone service, health insurance, a comprehensive list of insurance products through Nationwide Insurance Services, Safemark vehicle products, Sherwin-Williams, Grainger and Choice Hotels. The Farm Bureau has a business services division for members needing tax and payroll preparation, business software and computers, accounting, legal advice and consulting. Local Farm Bureau contacts are found here.

PA Farm Link

2708-A North Colebrook Rd.
Manheim, PA 17545
Telephone: 717-664-7077
www.pafarmlink.org

Pennsylvania Farm Link is a non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of creating farming opportunities for the next generation. Their goal is to maintain PA's farming legacy by keeping Pennsylvanians farming. There are links for "Beginning Farmers" and "Farm Succession".



Support (cont.)

National Farmers Union(NFU)

400 North Capitol St. NW
Suite 790
Washington, DC 20001
Telephone: 202-554-1600
www.nfu.org

With a membership of 250,000 farm and ranch families, NFU’s mission to protect and enhance the economic well-being and quality of life for family farmers and ranchers and their rural communities. They believe that consumers and producers can work together to promote a quality domestic supply of safe food. By working together with other persons and groups, National Farmers Union helps family farmers and ranchers advance their farm, ranch, co-op and community enterprises.

Organic Trade Association

PO Box 547
Greenfield MA 01302
Telephone: 413-774-7511
www.ota.com

Organic Trade Association (OTA) is a membership-based business association that focuses on the organic business community in North America. OTA's mission is to promote and protect the growth of organic trade to benefit the environment, farmers, the public and the economy. OTA envisions organic products becoming a significant part of everyday life, enhancing people's lives and the environment. OTA represents businesses across the organic supply chain and addresses all things organic, including food, fiber/textiles, personal care products, and new sectors as they develop.



Conservation Planning (cont.)

PA Nutrient Management Program

State Conservation Commission
PA Dept. of Ag Building, Room 401
2301 Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Telephone: 717-705-3895
<http://panutrientmgmt.cas.psu.edu>

This website provides a comprehensive source of information about PA’s Nutrient Management Act (Act 38) Program and associated technical guidance and educational information. It also provides a list of certified Nutrient Management Specialists by county.

Technical Service Provider Registry

<http://techreg.usda.gov>

This site is an online tool provided by NRCS. You can find a technical service provider (TSP) in your area. Click on the “Find a TSP” link on the right. A map of the United States will appear; click on Pennsylvania. A map of the counties in PA will show up next; click on Northampton. You can then choose a provider by category (i.e., Certified Conservation Planner) and/or service (i.e., Nutrient Management). A listing of providers, with phone numbers and e-mail addresses will be provided.

Web Soil Survey

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>

The Web Soil Survey (WSS) provides agricultural producers, agencies, Technical Service Providers, and others electronic access to relevant soil and related information needed to make land-use and management decisions. It also provides an alternative to the traditional hard copy publication.

Financial Matters



Area Loan organization:

The non-profit economic development organization certified by the Department of Community and Economic Development to package loan applications, evaluate and approve loans, and administer those loans under the Small Business First loan program:

Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation
2158 Avenue C, Suite 200
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Telephone: 610-266-6775

Northampton County Farm Service Agency

1068 Bushkill Center Rd.
Nazareth, PA 18064-9554
Telephone: 610-759-9570
www.fsa.usda.gov

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers and manages farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster and loan programs as laid out by Congress through a network of federal, state and county offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of the agricultural industry and to help farmers adjust production to meet demand.

MidAtlantic Farm Credit

Shoemakersville Office
1513 Main St
Shoemakersville, PA 19555
Telephone: 800-477-9947
www.midatlanticfarmcredit.com

MidAtlantic Farm Credit makes farm and country home loans, loans for equipment and buildings, land loans, construction loans, improvement loans and production/operating loans.



Support



Ag Web

Telephone: 800-320-7992
www.agweb.com

AgWeb.com is agriculture's leading Internet portal serving producers and agribusiness as "The Homepage of Agriculture." The site offers exclusive news, market commentary and weather information. AgWeb also publishes the daily e-mail newsletter "Today on AgWeb," delivered to 75,000 recipients. The Web portal serves 300,000 unique guests with over 1,000,000 user-sessions each month. AgWeb also serves as host platform for all Farm Journal Media properties.

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center

National Agricultural Library
10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room 132
Beltsville, MD 20705
Telephone: 301-504-6559
<http://afsic.nal.usda.gov>

The Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC) specializes in identifying resources about sustainable food systems and practices in support of USDA's effort to ensure a sustainable future for agriculture and farmers worldwide. The AFSIC focuses on topics related to sustainable and alternative agricultural systems, crops and livestock.

Farm Aid

11 Ward Street, Suite 200
Somerville, MA 02143
Telephone: 800-FARM-AID (800-327-6243)
www.farmaid.org

Working to keep family farmers on their land, Farm Aid brings together family farmers and citizens to guarantee family farm food is available to the public. They work on restoring family farm-centered agriculture that ensures safe, healthful food, protects natural resources, and strengthens local economies. By strengthening the voices of family farmers themselves, Farm Aid stands up for the most resourceful, heroic Americans—the family farmers who work the land.

Search Engines



Agricultural Network Information Center

www.agnic.org

The Agriculture Network Information Center (AGNIC) is a voluntary alliance and partnership of nearly 60 member institutions and organizations working to offer quick and reliable access to quality agricultural information and sources. AgNIC is supported, in part, by the USDA's National Agricultural Library (NAL) through provision of the AgNIC Secretariat and other program support. Click on the "Browse" button at the top of the home page to see a list of resources by category.

Agriculture Today

www.agriculturetoday.com

Agriculture Today was created to bring the benefits of the Internet to all people engaged in agriculture and related industries. All the links found in various categories are carefully reviewed before inclusion.

AgriSeek

www.agriseek.com

AgriSeek.com has become the leading online marketplace for equipment, livestock, real estate, jobs, farm-related products and services. This marketplace helps agricultural and rural-based businesses through an online trading community.



Financial Matters (cont.)

PAgrows

Telephone: 888-PA-GROWS (888-724-7697)

www.pagrows.com

PAgrows specializes in helping farmers, food processors, farmers' market operators, and other agricultural businesses put all of the pieces of this lending puzzle together. Pennsylvania agribusinesses, through a number of state and federal programs, have access to grants and low interest loans which help to compliment private and local lender funding.

PA Dept. of Revenue

44 E Broad St.

Bethlehem, PA 18018-5998

Telephone: 610-861-2000

www.revenue.state.pa.us

The Department is responsible for collecting Personal Income Tax, Sales and Use Tax, all corporate taxes, Inheritance Tax, Realty Transfer Tax, Motor Fuel Taxes, and all other state taxes. You can download information and publications relating to PA income taxes. Of interest to farmers is the publication, Tax Information for Farmers, State and Local Sales and Use Tax. This is publication REV1729 and is available on the website.

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75 Federal Street, Suite 1100

Boston, MA 02110-1911

Telephone: 617-357-4012

www.stevesmall.com

One of the most important elements to understanding the complex arena of Family Land Preservation is experience dealing with the many possible scenarios that can confront and confound landowners. Through his many years in the field, Steve Small has acquired experience dealing with a variety of different types of land preservation.

Government Agencies



Farm Credit Administration

1501 Farm Credit Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102-5090
Telephone: 703-883-4056
www.fca.gov

The Farm Credit Administration is an independent agency in the executive branch of the U.S. Government. Its congressionally mandated mission is to ensure a dependable source of credit for agriculture and rural America. The Farm Credit System is a nationwide network of borrower-owned financial institutions that provide credit to farmers, ranchers, and agricultural and rural utility cooperatives.

Northampton County Conservation District

14 Gracedale Ave.
Nazareth, PA 18064
Telephone: 610-746-1971
www.northamptoncd.org

The Northampton County Conservation District was founded in 1961 when a group of farmers joined together to promote the use of conservation practices to protect soil and water resources in Northampton County. They currently have an Agriculture Conservation Technician/Watershed Specialist on staff.

PA Bureau of Farmland Preservation

2301 North Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408
Telephone: 717-783-3167

The Bureau oversees the Commonwealth's program to purchase agricultural easements and administers legislative programs designed to preserve farmland through the State Agricultural Preservation Board. A link to information from the Bureau of Farmland Preservation is provided on the PA Dept. of Ag's website: www.agriculture.state.pa.us



Publications(cont.)

Progressive Farmer

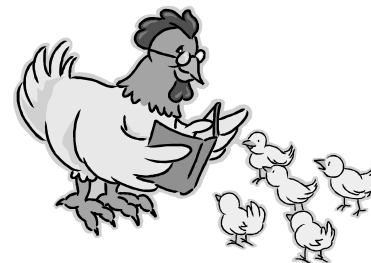
2204 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 415
Birmingham, AL 35209
Telephone: 800-406-8992
www.progressivefarmer.com

Whether you're working in the barn, fishing with the kids, or picking your ripest tomatoes, it's all sweeter in the country and now there's a magazine that understands this like no other. *Progressive Farmer* is for people who live on and love the land. Every month it talks about the unique challenges and joys of living in the country.

Publication Distribution Center

Penn State College of Ag Sciences
112 Agricultural Administration Building
University Park, PA 16802
Telephone: 814-865-6713
<http://pubs.cas.psu.edu>

A variety of free and for-sale publications are available with helpful information on a wide range of topics, from livestock to field crops, from foods to finances, and from family life to wild-life. Publications includes manuals, fact sheets, and printed multi-page documents; CD-ROMs; posters; and video & slide sets.



Publications



**Agriculture Online
(Successful Farming Magazine)**

1716 Locust St. LN 422
Des Moines, IA 50309
www.agriculture.com

Agriculture Online is a community of agriculturalists -- of publishers, organizations, companies and individuals who provide the latest information in agricultural news, weather, and markets. In talk groups, site members provide the grassroots voice of farmers and ranchers. Agriculture Online was created by the editors of *Successful Farming®* magazine.

Growing for Market

P.O. Box 3747
Lawrence, Kansas 66046
Telephone: 800-307-8949 or 785-748-0605
www.growingformarket.com

Growing for Market (GFM) is America's most respected source of information about growing and selling vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers, and plants. GFM is a monthly magazine about small-scale farming, sustainable agriculture and farm direct marketing.

Lancaster Farming

P.O. Box 609
Ephrata, PA 17522
Telephone: 717-626-1164
www.lancasterfarming.com

Lancaster Farming is the leading Northeast and Mid-Atlantic farm newspaper. Every Saturday, the newspaper delivers news, market and commodity reports, and agribusiness information to about 54,000 paid subscribers in Pennsylvania and surrounding states. Lancaster Farming has been in continuous weekly print for more than 50 years.



Government Agencies (cont.)

PA Dept. of Agriculture

2301 North Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Telephone: 717-787-4737
www.agriculture.state.pa.us

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture encourages, protects and promotes agriculture and related industries throughout the Commonwealth. This agency provides a wealth of information on a variety of topics of interest to the farmer. Some of those topics include funding, marketing programs, dairy and livestock programs, production agriculture and farm safety.

PA Dept. of Environmental Protection

Bethlehem District Office
4530 Bath Pike
Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-861-2070
www.dep.state.pa.us

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) mission is to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water from pollution and to provide for the health and safety of its citizens through a cleaner environment. Application packages for DEP permits are included on this website.

PA Fish and Boat Commission

Southeast Region
Brubaker Valley Road & Lakeview Drive
PO Box 9
Elm, PA 17521
Telephone: 717-626-0228
www.fish.state.pa.us

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is an independent Commonwealth agency. The mission of the Commission is to provide fishing and boating opportunities through the protection and management of aquatic resources.



Government Agencies (cont.)

PA Game Commission

Southeast Region
448 Snyder Road
Reading, PA 19605
Telephone: 610-926-3136
www.pgc.state.pa.us

For more than 100 years, the Game Commission has managed the Commonwealth's wildlife resources for all Pennsylvanians. The Commission also provides a host of benefits to wildlife, state residents and visitors.

US Army Corps of Engineers—Philadelphia District

The Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390
Telephone: 215-656-6515
www.usace.army.mil

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is made up of civilian engineers, scientists and other specialists' who work hand-in-hand as leaders in engineering and environmental matters. The Philadelphia district manages the water resources of the entire Delaware River Basin and of the Atlantic Coast in Delaware and most of New Jersey, serving more than nine million people in five states.

US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)

1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250
Telephone: 202-720-3631
www.usda.gov

The USDA helps to keep America's farmers and ranchers in business as they face the uncertainties of weather and markets. It delivers commodity, credit, conservation, disaster, and emergency assistance programs that help improve the stability and strength of the agricultural economy.

Operations (cont.)

Team Ag Incorporated

120 Lake Street
Ephrata, PA 17522
Telephone: 877-TEAMAG-0 (877-832-6240) or 717-721-6795
www.teamaginc.com

Team Ag Incorporated is an agriculture consulting firm. They employ a staff of experienced engineers, agronomists, and consultants to guarantee a complete package of services. They provide knowledgeable advice to help farmers obtain the maximum benefit from compliance to current regulations.

USDA Agricultural Research Service

North Atlantic Division
600 East Mermaid Lane
Wyndmoor, PA 19038
Telephone: 215-233-6400
www.ars.usda.gov

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is the USDA's chief scientific research agency. Their job is finding solutions to agricultural problems that affect Americans every day. The ARS vision is to lead America towards a better future through agricultural research and information. A variety of printed information is available through this website.

USDA Small Farms

www.usda.gov/oce/smallfarm

This web site is intended to be a one-stop gateway to resources, benefits and services offered by USDA for small farmers. You can also print a copy of the booklet "Information for Small Farmers and Ranchers". This booklet provides vital information and contacts that will assist small farmers and ranchers in obtaining USDA's programs and services, which are critical to the quality of life of small farmers and ranchers in sustaining their operation.



Operations (cont.)

Penn State University College of Agricultural Sciences

201 Agricultural Administration Building
University Park, PA 16802
Telephone: 814-865-1688
www.cas.psu.edu

The goal for this site is to help residents find what they need, whether it involves career opportunities in the ag sciences, the latest research in the College, timely information about the business of agriculture and food production, or even the best way to grow a particular plant in Pennsylvania. There are also links to other land grant universities nationwide and a link to a variety of free and for sale publications. (See also Publications).

Pennsylvania Certified Organic

106 School St., Suite 201
Spring Mills, PA 16875
Telephone: 814-422-0251
www.paorganic.org

Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO) is a USDA-accredited organic certifying agency that educates and certifies growers, processors and handlers of organic crops, wild crops, livestock and livestock products in Pennsylvania and adjoining states.

Rodale Institute

611 Siegfriedale Road, Kutztown, PA 19530
Telephone: 610-683-1400
www.rodaleinstitute.org

The Rodale Institute®, a global leader in regenerative agriculture, is devoted to innovative agriculture research, outreach and training through The New Farm® programs. The Institute works with people worldwide to achieve a regenerative food system that renews and improves environmental and human health, working with the philosophy that "Healthy Soil = Healthy Food = Healthy People ®." The Institute's web site reaches a global community of food producers to exchange valuable "farmer-to-farmer know-how."

Government Agencies (cont.)

**USDA Cooperative State Research,
Education and Extension Service**

Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 305-A
1400 Independence Ave., SW.
Washington, DC, 20250
Telephone: 202-720-7441
www.csrees.usda.gov

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) links the U.S. Department of Agriculture with the land-grant university community, and other public and private organizations, to advance research, extension, and higher education in the food and agricultural sciences and related environmental, social, and human sciences.

USDA National Agriculture Library

Abraham Lincoln Building
10301 Baltimore Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705-2351
Telephone: 301-504-5755
www.nal.usda.gov

The National Agricultural Library is one of four national libraries of the United States. It houses one of the world's largest and most accessible agricultural information collections and serves as the nexus for a national network of state land-grant universities and U.S. Department of Agriculture field libraries.

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

www.nass.usda.gov

The National Agricultural Statistics Service provides timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. NASS conducts hundreds of surveys every year and prepares reports covering virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture—production and supplies of food and fiber, prices paid and received by farmers, farm labor and wages, farm finances, chemical use, and changes in the demographics of U.S. producers—are only a few examples.

Legislative/Policy



The Agricultural Law Resource & Reference Center

Penn State University
150 S. College St.
Carlisle, PA 17013-2899
Telephone: 717-241-3517
www.dsl.psu.edu/centers/aglaw.cfm

The Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center is collaboration between Penn State Dickinson and Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences. Located at both University Park and Carlisle facilities and funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the Center is designed to provide the highest-quality educational programs, information and materials to those involved or interested in agricultural law and policy.

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania

200 North 3rd St., Suite 600
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Telephone: 717-787-9555
www.ruralpa.org

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The Center works with executive agencies and federal, regional and community organizations to maximize resources and strategies that can better serve the needs of Pennsylvania's 2.8 million rural residents.

Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy

2105 First Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Telephone: 612-870-0453
www.iatp.org

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) promotes resilient family farms, rural communities and ecosystems around the world through research and education, science and technology, and advocacy. In 1986, IATP began documenting the underlying causes of America's rural crisis and proposing policies that would benefit farmers, consumers, rural communities and the environment.

Operations (cont.)

Marketplace for the Mind

www.marketplaceforthemind.state.pa.us

An educational resource that provides a bounty of useful information on PA agriculture and agribusiness. This site provides a very positive step in the building of comprehensive understanding, appreciation and support of agriculture in PA. The "Ag in PA" and "Production Agriculture" tabs provide helpful links and there is a resource library to search for additional information.

Northampton Farm Bureau Cooperative Association

300 Bushkill St.
Tatamy, PA 18085
Telephone: 610-258-2871

A local source for agricultural supplies.

**Penn State Cooperative Extension
Northampton County**

14 Gracedale Ave.
Nazareth, PA 18064-9212
Telephone: 610-746-1970
www.extension.psu.edu (statewide website)
<http://northampton.extension.psu.edu> (Northampton County)

Penn State Cooperative Extension provides timely research-based information for all Pennsylvania citizens on important current and emerging issues pertaining to agriculture. Click on "Agriculture" link on left of homepage.



Operations



Center for Farm Transitions

Telephone: 877-475-2686
www.iplantofarm.com

The Center for Farm Transitions serves to bring together in one location a collection of existing information and resources that will assist new farmers looking to get started, existing farmers who wish to make changes to their operations, and those transitioning their assets either to retire or for new careers. The Center harnesses the work of Penn State Extension and other entities in the state that have compiled and produced information that is vital to farmers in transition. Additionally, the Center makes available information from throughout the United States and even internationally that will assist those in transition.

Estimating Farm Machinery Costs

www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM710.pdf

This is a link to a Iowa State University Extension publication about estimating the costs of owning and operating farm machinery.

The Farmland Information Center

Telephone: 800-370-4879
www.farmlandinfo.org

The Farmland Information Center (FIC) is a clearinghouse for information about farmland protection and stewardship. It is a partnership between the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and American Farmland Trust.

Hobby Farm Life

7419 Metcalf Avenue, #321
Overland Park, KS 66204
Telephone: 913-381-4520
www.hobbyfarmlife.com

The opportunity to enjoy both the pleasures of a hobby and the pleasures of the small farm life can be irresistible. Whether it's raising llamas for wool, bees for honey, vegetables for the family table, or some other farm hobby, the information you need to get started, or keep going, can be found on this website.

Legislative/Policy(cont.)

The National Family Farm Coalition

110 Maryland Ave. NE, Ste. 307
Washington, DC 20002
Telephone: 202-543-5675
www.nffc.net

The National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) provides a voice for grassroots groups on farm, food, trade and rural economic issues to ensure fair prices for family farmers, safe and healthy food, and vibrant, environmentally sound rural communities here and around the world.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly

www.legis.state.pa.us

This is the website of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Here you can find your legislator, learn about the PA General Assembly and search legislation. They also have links to other legislative service agencies.

Resource Enhancement and Protection Act

Chesapeake Bay Foundation
The Old Water Works Building
614 North Front Street, Suite G
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Telephone: 717-234-5550
www.cbf.org/reap

Pennsylvania farmers are under pressure to do even more to improve water quality. But few can do it on their own. Farmers need financial assistance if they're to remain profitable and protect our watersheds and water supplies. The bipartisan Resource Enhancement and Protection Act of Pennsylvania (REAP) is an effective, action-oriented plan to support essential pollution reduction projects on Pennsylvania farms. REAP was passed on July 19, 2007 and will provide substantial state tax credits to help farmers finance a variety of conservation practices.



Marketing



AgMap

<http://agmap.psu.edu>

AgMap is a free direct marketing website designed to promote ag business in PA. Anyone looking for ag products or services in PA, whether it be fresh strawberries, landscaping plants, wood products or farm equipment, can find them on AgMap. Business owners can add their business in a few simple steps to make it more visible on the internet. All AgMap businesses can be found on search engines, such as Google, Yahoo and more.

Buy Fresh Buy Local

Food Routes Network
PO Box 55 - 35 Apple Lane
Arnot, PA 16911
Telephone: 570-638-3608
www.buylocalpa.org

FoodRoutes Network has created partnerships with community-based nonprofit organizations across the country and each organization is creating and implementing a "Buy Local" marketing campaign to help bridge gaps between community farmers and consumers. Become a Buy Fresh Buy Local Campaign Partner and get in the guide. Supporters of locally grown food want to know: where and how to buy directly from a farmer and by becoming a Local Food Campaign Partner you will gain exposure for your farm.

Local Harvest

220 21st Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
Telephone: 831-475-8150
www.localharvest.org

Local Harvest maintains a definitive and reliable "living" public nationwide directory of small farms, farmers markets, and other local food sources. Our search engine helps people find products from family farms, local sources of sustainably grown food, and encourages them to establish direct contact with small farms in their local area. Our online store helps small farms develop markets for some of their products beyond their local area. Register here to create a free listing for your farm.

Marketing (cont.)

National Organic Program

Room 4008-South Building
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0020
Telephone: 202-720-3252
www.ams.usda.gov/nop

The NOP developed national organic standards and established an organic certification program based on recommendations of the 15-member National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

PA Farm Vacation Association, Inc.

www.pafarmstay.com

The association is looking for working farms who are willing to offer overnight accommodations and recreational facilities to visitors. Farm vacations can be a substantial supplement to your present farm income.

USDA Agriculture Marketing Service

1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250-0269
Telephone: 202-720-5115
www.ams.usda.gov

The Agricultural Marketing Service includes six commodity programs--Cotton, Dairy, Fruit and Vegetable, Livestock and Seed, Poultry, and Tobacco. The programs employ specialists who provide standardization, grading and market news services for those commodities.

