

Agriculture Fast Facts

- Agriculture is considered Pennsylvania's number one industry
- 1 of every 5 jobs in Pennsylvania is agriculturally related
- The total value of Pennsylvania's agricultural sales is over \$6.7 billion
- The total value of Cumberland County's agricultural sales is over \$150 million
- Dairy is a leading agribusiness in Cumberland, including a herd of over 16,000 milking cows with a total milk production value of nearly \$72 million

Source: 2011-2012 PA Agricultural Statistics, US Department of Agriculture.



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Farmland Preservation Program



Preserving our Agricultural and Rural Heritage One Acre at a Time



Why Support Farmland Preservation?

- Farmland is an irreplaceable natural resource. Pennsylvania lost 728,700 acres of farmland between 1982-2007.
- Local farms provide fresh food at a reasonable cost.
- Well managed farms benefit the environment by providing wildlife habitat and groundwater recharge.
- Preserved farmland protects rural character and promotes local tourism. Scenic landscapes are important for attracting visitors and keeping quality of life high for local citizens.
- Farms and agriculturally related businesses support the local economy.
- Protecting local farmland helps help property taxes down.



Benefits of Giving

- 100% of your donation goes to preservation of prime farmland. No funds are used for administrative purposes.
- 100% of your contribution stays in Cumberland County to benefit local farmers.
- Private donations help leverage additional state and federal grant funds. Every dollar donated will generate at least \$1 in matching grant funds!



Farmland Preservation Stats

- Pennsylvania is #1 in the nation for total acres of farmland preserved.
- Over 480,000 acres of farmland are permanently protected statewide.
- In Cumberland County, approximately 16,000 acres of prime farmland are protected across 130 farms!

Donation Information

Please provide the following contact information. Personal information will not be shared, but contact information is necessary in order to provide written acknowledgement of a donation.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Amount of Donation:

\$25.00

\$50.00

\$100.00

\$250.00

\$500.00

Other Amount: \$ _____

- Checks should be made payable to Cumberland County and mailed to the address below with this form.
- Donations to the Farmland Preservation Program are tax deductible as provided by state and federal law.

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