



Agriculture Is Vital to Pennsylvania's Economy

- In 2014 Pennsylvania's agriculture industry contributed more than \$8.1 billion to the state's economy.
- Pennsylvania has 59,300 farms and 7.72 million acres of farmland. More than 95 percent of farms are less than 500 acres, with an average farm size of 130 acres.
 - 56,887 farms have less than 500 acres.
 - 1,768 farms have between 500-1000 acres.
 - 654 farms have more than 1000 acres.
- Pennsylvania has 7.72 million acres within the state devoted to farmland and one out of every seven jobs is related to agriculture.
- Winter wheat is an important crop in the southeast portion of Pennsylvania whereas buckwheat is a major crop in the northeast. Other important crops in the state include potatoes, oats, rye, barley, and a variety of truck crops.
- Pennsylvania ranks first nationally in producing mushrooms with annual production of 571 million pounds or 65 percent of Agaricus mushrooms grown in the United States.

Crop Insurance Is Vital to Pennsylvania's Agricultural Sector

- Crop insurance protected \$481 million of liability on growing crops in Pennsylvania in 2015. There were \$1.2 million acres insured and more than \$27 million was paid to farmers in indemnities for production and/or revenue losses.
- The top commodities (liability) for crop insurance protection in 2015 were:
 - Corn - \$248 million, protecting 657,023 acres.
 - Soybeans - \$103 million, protecting 360,119 acres.
 - Apples - \$46 million, protecting 12,821 acres.
- The private crop-hail insurance product provided an additional \$4 million in liability protection on growing crops in Pennsylvania.