



## Agriculture Fast Facts:

- Over 70% of agriculture related products in Cumberland County come from livestock and poultry.
- Cumberland County ranks 8th in the state for total agriculture production, 10th for crops, and 7th for livestock and poultry.
- The total value of Cumberland County's agricultural sales is more than \$300 million.
- Pennsylvania is considered the "Snack Food Capital of the World," generating more than \$5.1 billion in sales annually for an array of snack foods.
- The Commonwealth leads the U.S. in mushroom production, annually producing more than 465 million pounds, valued at more than \$530 million per year.
- Pennsylvania ranks number one in the U.S. for hardwood exports, accounting for nearly \$1.1 billion of the state's many exports.

Source: 2022 PA Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture

## Preservation Stats:

- In Cumberland County, approximately 25,000 acres of prime farmland across 225 farms are protected.
- Pennsylvania is a national leader in farmland preservation.
- The Commonwealth has preserved more than 6,400 farms, permanently protecting more than 645,000 acres of farmland statewide.



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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY

# Farmland Preservation Donation Program

*Established 2013*

*Preserving our  
agricultural and  
rural heritage  
one acre  
at a time.*



## Why Support Farmland Preservation?

- Farmland is an irreplaceable natural resource. The United States loses 2,000 acres of farmland a day to development.
- Local farms provide fresh food at a reasonable cost.
- Well managed farms benefit the environment by providing wildlife habitat and groundwater recharge.
- Farms and agriculturally related businesses support the local economy.
- Protecting local farmland helps keep property taxes down.
- 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.



## What Is Our Goal:

The Board of Commissioners enacted Resolution 2019-30 setting forth a policy goal of **preservation of 30,000 acres of working farmland by the year 2030**. The resolution acknowledges the importance of the agricultural industry, strong public support for farmland preservation and the need to establish a long term budgetary policy for the Program.



## 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.
- Donations to the Farmland Preservation Program are tax deductible as provided by state and federal law.

## Donation Information:

Personal information will not be shared, but contact information is necessary to provide written acknowledgment of a donation. Names of donors will be recognized, unless the donor wishes to remain anonymous.

☐ Yes, I wish to remain anonymous.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Amount of Donation:

- |                                |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount: \$ _____ |

Make checks payable to Cumberland County Farmland Preservation Program and mail, along with this form, to:

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