

1. Pennsylvania is the first state of the fifty United States to list their web site URL on a license plate.
 2. In 1909 the first baseball stadium was built in Pittsburgh.
 3. Hershey is considered the Chocolate Capital of the United States.
 4. In 1913 the first automobile service station opened in Pittsburgh.
 5. In 1946 Philadelphia became home to the first computer.
 6. Bob Hoffman of York is hailed the world round as the Father of Weightlifting. Hoffman started York Barbell Corp. in 1932 and preached the gospel of physical fitness throughout his life as an U.S. Olympic coach, businessman and philanthropist.
 7. The first daily newspaper was published in Philadelphia on Sept. 21, 1784.
 8. Philadelphia saw the first Zoological garden in July 1874.
 9. Drake Well Museum in Titusville is on the site where Edwin L. Drake drilled the world's first oil well in 1859 and launched the modern petroleum industry.
 10. In Hazleton, there is a law on the books that prohibits a person from sipping a carbonated drink while lecturing students in a school auditorium.
 11. Philadelphia is the site of the first presidential mansion.
 12. Betsy Ross made the first American flag in Philadelphia.
 13. Philadelphia is home to the cheesesteak sandwich, water ice, soft pretzels, and TastyKakes.
 14. The Rockville Bridge in Harrisburg is the longest stone arch bridge in the world.
 15. Kennett Square is known as the Mushroom Capital of the World.
 16. The town of Franklin became a center for worldwide oil production following Colonel Edwin Drake's discovery of oil in nearby Titusville.
 17. The Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia in 1776.
 18. Philadelphia is home to the Liberty Bell.
 19. Pennsylvania is the only original colony not bordered by the Atlantic Ocean.
 20. Benjamin Franklin founded the Philadelphia Zoo, the first public zoo in the United States.
 21. Indiana County is the Christmas Tree capital of the world.
 22. Pittsburgh is famous for manufacturing steel. Its professional football team is named the Pittsburgh Steelers.
 23. Fairmount Park in Philadelphia is the largest city park with over 8,000 acres.
 24. Pittsburgh has over 300 sets of city maintained steps. If they were stacked on top of each other, they would reach over 26,000 feet high. They would measure higher than a lot of the Himalayan Mountains.
 25. Little League Baseball's first World Series was held in 1946 in Williamsport.
 26. Nazareth is the home of Martin guitars. Finger picking good since 1833.
 27. The State College Area High School was the first school in the country to teach drivers education in 1958.
 28. Philadelphia was once the United States capital city.
 29. The oldest stone railroad bridge in use in Pennsylvania is the Starrucca Viaduct that crosses PA Route 171 north of Lanesboro in Susquehanna County.
- Pennsylvania's best growing soils are located mostly in the southeastern parts of the state. Higher elevations of the state have the most fertile soils because many of them have never been farmed. Lowland Pennsylvania has long summers and mild winters, allowing for growing seasons that range between five and seven months. In upland parts of the state, summers are shorter and winters are severe. Upland growing seasons are rarely longer than three to four months.

Top Agriculture Products

1. Dairy products, milk
2. Corn
3. Cattle and calves
4. Chicken eggs
5. Broilers

Number of Farms

63,200

Land in Farms

7.8 million acres

Average Farm Size

124 acres

PA Ag Snapshot

- \$6.7 billion in cash receipts, with \$67 billion in total economic impact.
- \$1.7 billion in international sales, making agricultural products the state's leading export.
- 62,200 farms
- 7.75 million acres of farmland, with an average farm size of 123 acres.
- 97% of farms are family owned.
- 1 in 7 jobs are related to agriculture.
- 154 people receive food and fiber from each farmer.

PA Products: Leading the Way

First in...

Agaricus Mushrooms 548.0 million pounds \$497.2 million

Hardwood exports \$291 million

Hardwood growing stock 94.6 billion board-feet of standing saw timber

Second in...

Christmas Tree Farms 1,599 farms

Third in...

Laying chickens 25,125,000 chickens

Egg production 7.3 billion eggs \$485.2 million

Direct Farm Sales \$75.9 million

Commercial Trout Production 1.8 million pounds \$6.3 million

Trout for Conservation and Recreation \$9.2 million

Fourth in...

Apples 439 million pounds \$79.7 million

Christmas Trees \$16.4 million

Corn for Silage 6.5 million tons \$377.6 million

Strawberries, fresh market 4 million pounds \$8.5 million

Pumpkins, fresh market 103 million pounds \$14.6 million

Fifth in...

Beans, Snap (for processing) 87.2 million pounds \$12.7 million

Grapes 174 million pounds \$26.7 million

Maple Syrup 96,000 gallons \$5.1 million

Milk Production 1.2 billion gallons \$2.34 billion

Milk Cows 541,000 head

Milk Goats 15,000 head

Peaches 34.6 million pounds \$23.5 million

Agricultural Education in Pennsylvania

Agricultural Education implements inquiry-based learning in the classroom and career exploration through work study and supervised agricultural experience programs. It develops leadership skills such as public speaking, teamwork, organization and civic service through the intracurricular implementation of FFA. Students who participate in agricultural education programs graduate with the skills necessary to become productive citizens who will succeed in postsecondary education or the workforce.

16,000 students in agricultural education courses

242 agriculture teachers

163 high school agricultural education programs

3 middle school agricultural education programs students enrolled per program on average

Agriculture is the #1 industry in Pennsylvania.

FFA is the ONLY intracurricular youth organization in the United States. (Intracurricular means that activities that you participate in FFA are also a part of the curriculum in school. FFA is an extension of the classroom curriculum).

Local Names

Food Bank Director	John Kiner
Newspaper Correspondent	Kristy Smith
Millerstown Community Suuccess	Will Benner
Millerstown Fire Company	Chris Foose
Millerstown Moose	Dave Graybill
Fish and Boat Commission	Rich Morder
Game Commission	Kevin Anderson
Perry Co Conservation District	Sally Tengeres
Perry Valley Grange	Doug Bonsall
PA FFA Executive Director	Michael Brammer
Perry County Fair Board	Darwin Kitner
Greenwood FFA Alumni	Renie Osborne
CPR Trainer	Kelley Griswold
Millerstown Vet	Dr. Jim Osborne
Local Farmers	Pete Brummer, John Hetrick, Jason Snyder
Bark of the Town	Tim Ritzman
Bratton's Insurance Agency	Nancy Bratton
Millerstown Senior Center	Marilyn Lauver

FFA membership

158

High/Middle School Population	350
Elementary	400
Millerstown	29 miles from Harrisburg
Population	669 residents

2015-16	700 hours of logged community service time
2015-2016	Raised \$18,500 for local food bank-packed 46,000 meals
2016	National FFA Foundation grant, raising two pigs for the food bank
2015-2016	FFA members contributed \$24,746 to the local economy with SAE projects
2015-16	Members earned \$41,150 through SAE projects
	12 courses taught at Greenwood
2015-2016	38 students participated at the Farm Show Agriscience Fair