






GREATER PHILADELPHIA FOOD SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS


Enterprise/Business


A.T. Buzby Farm Woodstown, NJ	Family farm in Salem County; fresh produce to consumer by direct market and wholesale.	 
Almanac Market Philadelphia, PA	Neighborhood food retailer providing local dairy, meat, and cheese along with other high quality food and grocery.	
Amos Stoltzfus Farm Lancaster, PA	Amish dairy farm; participates in Lancaster County agritourism by hosting lunches and gatherings for community groups.	
Atlantic Capes Fisheries, Inc. 	Harvester and marketer of scallops, clams and other seafood to national and global markets.	 
Beanie's of Lancaster Lancaster, PA	Processes, packages and distributes product for their own label and other private labels across the country.	 
Beechwood Orchards Biglerville, PA	Fruit Orchard in Adams County Fruit Belt; fresh produce to consumer by direct market and wholesale.	 
Cedar Meadow Farm Holtzwood, PA	Innovative 200-acre farm in Lancaster County that sells to larger wholesale markets in the region and speaks at local conferences and seminars.	   
Common Market Philadelphia, PA	Newly-formed small scale distributor of locally produced products; serves primarily institutional buyers.	
Dan Stoltzfus Farm New Holland, PA	Amish produce farmer in Lancaster County raising transitional organic crops for Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative and other buyers.	
Delaware Avenue Distribution Center, Inc. 	Provides refrigerated storage and inter-modal distribution services for national and international companies utilizing the Philadelphia region's port facilities.	
Duffields Farm Sewell, NJ	Working farm complimented by on-site market, deli, bakery and pick-your-own operation.	 
ES3 	Storage space and logistics support for food manufacturers and retailers, offering consolidated multi-manufacturer delivery to warehouses or direct to store.	
! Farm to City Philadelphia, PA	Increase and expand markets for regional farmers through farmers markets, winter buying club, online sales for CSA shares, and web services for other CSA farms and buying clubs.	  
FarmArt Philadelphia, PA	Distributor of local and national products to Philadelphia-region retailers.	
Four Seasons Produce, Inc. 	Wholesale produce distributor; serves foodservice, retail, and multiple chain customers in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions; recognized for increased energy and distribution efficiency through technology and strategic planning.	 
Fruitwood Farm Monroeville, NJ	U-pick-your-own fruit farm and honey bee operation complemented by wholesale and online distribution.	 
Green Meadow Farm Gap, PA	Produces specialty herbs and produce for restaurants in the region; provides small-scale distribution to purchasers for neighboring farms.	 


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<p>! Greensgrow Farms Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>A diversified urban farm selling its own products and those sourced from a network of local growers through its on-site farm stand, nursery, and CSA program.</p>	
<p>Harrisburg Dairies Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>Family-owned company purchasing natural milk from independent, local operators and distributing to the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions.</p>	
<p>Hendrick's Farm and Dairy Telford, PA</p>	<p>Provides grass-fed dairy and meat along with produce to individuals and restaurants in Southeastern PA; operates small on-site farm store.</p>	
<p>Honey Brook CSA Pennington, NJ</p>	<p>One of the largest CSAs in the country, providing organic produce to over 2900 members.</p>	
<p>Institute for Innovations in Local Farming  Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Enterprise; operated Somerton Tank Farms through a partnership with the Philadelphia Water Department; carries out research and education on sub-acre plot intensive agricultural enterprises; promotes urban agriculture.</p>	
<p>Jade International, Inc.  Folcroft, PA</p>	<p>Freight management company contracted by importers and exporter to facilitate logistics, including pricing/costing, paperwork and documentation, tracking technology, communication and inland connections.</p>	
<p>Joe Coffee Shop Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Retailer of local, homemade and fair trade products and partners with other groups for retailing, catering or processing.</p>	
<p>Kegel's Produce Lancaster, PA</p>	<p>Provides foodservice, retail and other clients with quality local and non-local produce; offers fresh cut services and minimal processing.</p>	
<p>! Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative Quarryville, PA</p>	<p>Grower's cooperative of over 20 Lancaster County farmers; serves Lancaster and Philadelphia with organic products through wholesale and CSA delivery.</p>	
<p>Linvilla Orchards Media, PA</p>	<p>200-acre farm; hosts hayrides, U-pick and other agritourism opportunities; on-site farm stand.</p>	
<p>Livengood Farms Lancaster, PA</p>	<p>Certified organic farm selling produce and grass-fed beef to retail and wholesale customers.</p>	
<p>Mariposa Food Coop Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Member-owned retail store providing local and natural grocery items to the West Philadelphia community.</p>	
<p>Metropolitan Bakery Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Retailers of hand-baked bread and other products; sell to wholesale, restaurants and consumers; hosts pick-up site for CSAs and winter buying club.</p>	
<p>Mike Brooks Farm Elmer, NJ</p>	<p>Eighth-generation family operation; grows produce for processing.</p>	
<p>Natural by Nature West Grove, PA</p>	<p>Process, distribute, and sell grass-fed dairy products sourced from a farmers co-op to consumers along the East Coast.</p>	
<p>Otolith Seafood Market and Kitchen Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Retail outlet, "casual kitchen" and emerging brand/label for sustainably harvested and processed seafood; seafood primarily originating from the Pacific Northwest.</p>	
<p>Paradise Hill Farm Vincentown, NJ</p>	<p>Independent, fifth-generation cranberry farm harvesting heirloom cranberries, blueberries, peppers and tomatoes for fresh market.</p>	
<p>Paradise Organics Lancaster, NJ</p>	<p>Farmer-distributor from Lancaster County serving Philadelphia-area retail and wholesale outlets.</p>	
<p>Philadelphia Produce Terminal Market Connection  Philadelphia, NJ</p>	<p>Consolidation point and wholesale market for sellers and brokers/buyers of produce from local, regional and global producers.</p>	
<p>Seabrook Farms  Pittsgrove, NJ</p>	<p>Producers, processors and distributors of fresh and frozen produce from South Jersey to national and international markets.</p>	
<p>Smucker Meats Mt. Joy, PA</p>	<p>Family-owned USDA inspected facility; slaughters meat and cuts to farmers' specification; increasingly handling grass-fed beef.</p>	
<p>U.S. Foods  Bridgeport, NJ</p>	<p>International distributor to foodservice entities including restaurants, food stores and institutions.</p>	

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<p>Vineland Produce Auction Bridgeport, NJ</p>	<p>Co-op auction; one of the first electronic produce auctions; members benefit from discounted packing material, consolidating space, and an annual dividend based on auction's performance.</p>	
<p>Violet Packing Williamstown, NJ</p>	<p>One of the last tomato packing facilities in New Jersey; sourcing much of the product from in-state producers for its private label services.</p>	
<p>Weaver's Way Coop Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Venerable natural food co-op based in Mt. Airy; sources local produce, meat and dairy when possible; operates a farm; operates an educational non-profit farm at nearby high school.</p>	
<p>! Whole Foods - Mid-Atlantic Region  Landover, MD (regional warehouse)</p>	<p>National natural foods chain with increasing emphasis on local food delivered to a regional warehouse and direct-to-store.</p>	





Initiative

<p>Fresh Food Financing Initiative  State-wide</p>	<p>Innovative state legislation; offers financial incentives for the development or renovation of supermarkets across Pennsylvania, particularly in communities underserved by fresh food retailers; created and administered by The Food Trust.</p>	
<p>Haverford Oakmont Farmers Market Association Haverford, PA</p>	<p>Grower-only market; aims to increase awareness of and access to locally produced goods.</p>	
<p>Martin Luther King Farm/ Seeds for Learning Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Collaboration started by Weaver's Way Co-op; urban farm providing job training to youth; sells direct at farmers markets, on-site farm stand, and at the co-op.</p>	
<p>Philadelphia Urban Food and Fitness Alliance Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Developing coalition of government agencies, non-profits and citizens working to create policy and system change to create a more healthy Philadelphia—for everyone.</p>	
<p>Phoenixville Farmers Market Phoenixville, PA</p>	<p>Grower-only market; features local produce, art and music, health screenings and other types of outreach.</p>	

Institution

<p>Center for Rural Pennsylvania  Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>Legislative agency; responds to Pennsylvania's General Assembly and requests for research on issues affecting rural communities across the state.</p>	
<p>Delaware Valley College Doylestown, PA</p>	<p>Higher educational institution providing degrees in technical and managerial components of the agricultural and food industry; currently working on food traceability research project.</p>	
<p>Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Teaching hospital; recently started local purchasing program; aims to integrate fresh, healthy and often local produce into the institution's dining services; hosts an on-site farmers market; member of White Dog's Farm to Institution Working Group.</p>	
<p>Local Economy Center, Franklin & Marshall College Lancaster, PA</p>	<p>Academic research unit; provides learning opportunities for students interested in studying local economies; supports local, sustainable economic development work.</p>	
<p>Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Lancaster Office</p>	<p>Member-owned cooperative lender providing financing to farmers and agribusiness for business planning, working capital, and real estate needs.</p>	
<p>Nutritional Development Services, Archdiocese of Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Provides meals, food assistance and other services to organizations serving children or the poor, including schools, after-school programs, and shelters.</p>	
<p>! Penn State Cooperative Extension & Outreach  State College, PA County Offices State-wide</p>	<p>Educational network that serves all 67 Pennsylvania counties and their residents; of note is the technical assistance the extension provides to farmers and agribusiness; extension looking to develop new markets and identify production trends to help the state's producers.</p>	

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<p>! Penn State - Department of Agriculture Economics and Rural Sociology (AERS) 🇺🇸 State College, PA</p>	<p>Academic department; serves as the academic home for cooperative extension; produces research and educational initiatives in food systems, agriculture, community development, and the environment.</p>	 
<p>Penn State - Department of Etymology 🇺🇸 State College, PA</p>	<p>Academic department; some faculty have interdisciplinary projects with AERS faculty members.</p>	
<p>Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station & Cooperative Extension 🇺🇸 New Brunswick, NJ County Offices State-wide</p>	<p>Educational network; serves NJ residents through science-based educational programs; has several focus areas including economic growth and agricultural sustainability, healthy lifestyles, human and community development, environment and natural resources, food safety and nutrition; operates the Rutgers Food Innovation Center.</p>	 
<p>Rutgers Food Policy Institute 🇺🇸 New Brunswick, NJ</p>	<p>Academic research unit; focuses issues and challenges facing the food system by providing timely and relevant research that is responsive to the needs of government, industry and the consumer.</p>	
<p>St. Joseph University - Department of Food Marketing 🇺🇸 Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Academic department; provides industry research support and professional education and training through a Food Marketing Academy, center, and executive training program.</p>	   
<p>University of Pennsylvania - Fox Leadership School Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Undergraduate program; offers students service learning opportunities in food access/Food Stamp outreach, direct service within school cafeterias and classrooms, and broader research on access and production.</p>	 





Local Government

<p>Berks County Office of Agricultural Coordinator Berks County, PA</p>	<p>Office plans, directs, and coordinates agricultural business development and marketing in the County of Berks; similar to a traditional economic development office seeking to attract new businesses and retain existing businesses; position was created in 2008 in response to an AFT report.</p>	 
<p>Burlington County Community Agricultural Center Moorestown, NJ</p>	<p>Special project of the Burlington County Department of Resource Conservation and Land Use; created through farmland preservation program; hosts large community garden, working farm, a CSA, and permanent farmers market.</p>	  
<p>Collingswood Farmers Market Collingswood, NJ</p>	<p>A community farmers market started by the Borough of Collingswood as an economic development strategy to bring people downtown.</p>	
<p>Haddonfield Farmers Market Haddonfield, NJ</p>	<p>A community farmers market in the Borough of Haddonfield, NJ.</p>	
<p>Lancaster County Center of Excellence for Production Agriculture Lancaster, PA</p>	<p>Partnership among local public and private entities to research, advance and promote local agricultural production, including workforce development, innovations, efficiency and marketing.</p>	   

Non-Profit

<p>Agatston Urban Nutrition Initiative (UNI) Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>University-community partnership; teaches school-aged children about nutrition, food production and healthy lifestyles.</p>	  
<p>American Farmland Trust 🇺🇸 Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>Legislative advocate; assists with local food system assessments, community planning, research, and land conservation.</p>	  
<p>Chesapeake Bay Foundation Annapolis, MD (headquarters)</p>	<p>Advocates for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay through advocacy and legal action; works with farmers to implement more environmentally sensitive farming practices.</p>	 

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<p>Chester County Economic Development Council - Agricultural Economic Development Exton, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; supports agricultural businesses in the area through facilitation of low-interest loans; consults with other counties in partnership with PA Department of Ag; promotes agriculture as a driver of economic development.</p>	
<p>Community Action Development Commission of Montgomery County - Food Resources Center Norristown, PA</p>	<p>Food assistance organization; operates federal and state food assistance programs; manages the Norristown Farmers Market; partners with various programs and agencies on nutrition education, food access and community building.</p>	
<p>Fernbrook Farms Education Center Bordentown, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; provides educational opportunities for children through camps, field trips, seminars, curriculum support for teachers and product provision for local schools and other field trip, outreach and seminar opportunities; hosts CSA farm and wholesale nursery operation on-site.</p>	
<p>! The Food Trust  Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; aims to provide access to affordable, healthy food, particularly to low-income communities; operates nutrition education programs and farmers markets; created a supermarket/food retail development initiative - Fresh Food Financing Initiative.</p>	
<p>FoodRoutes Network  Arnot, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; aims to rebuild and promote a sustainable national food infrastructure through communication tools, networking, technical support and coordinating of Buy Fresh/Buy Local outreach campaigns.</p>	
<p>Friends of Farmworkers, Inc.  Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; provides legal representation and education on farmworker rights like housing, immigration policy and employment.</p>	
<p>Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit coalition; serves as a clearinghouse for best practices; connects people in need with resources; advocates for better policies and educate the general public through events and outreach.</p>	
<p>Joshua Farm Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit urban farm; operates a CSA and farm stand.</p>	
<p>Keystone Development Center  York, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; supports the formation of cooperative businesses and helps to sustain existing co-ops through technical assistance.</p>	
<p>Lancaster Farmland Trust Strasburg, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit land trust; works with Amish farmers and other farmers in Lancaster County to preserve working farms.</p>	
<p>Mill Creek Urban Farm Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit urban farm; aims to provide access to healthy, affordable foods in West Philadelphia through a farm stand and participating in several area farmers markets; emphasizes food access and sustainability/energy efficiency.</p>	
<p>New Kensington Community Development Corporation Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; focuses on five major areas: local business development, real estate development (affordable housing), community organizing, land use management (stabilizing vacant land), and housing counseling; owns land leased by Greensgrow Farm.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks  Canonsburg, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; assists members (food banks and community action agencies) with acquisition of food; advocates for policy changes; educates the public on hunger and food access issues.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Venerable non-profit; has many horticultural and community revitalization interests; founded the Neighborhood Gardens Association; operates City Harvest; operates Philadelphia Green.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center  Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit; advocates for state and federal food assistance programs; informs regulatory and legislative processes on barriers to access; raises the general public's awareness of hunger.</p>	
<p>Pennypack Farm Ambler, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit suburban farm; committed to sustainable farming practices; hosts youth education programs; offers CSA program.</p>	
<p>Philabundance Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Non-profit hunger relief organization; provides food storage, distribution and occasional preparation to a network of local hunger/food assistance agencies in the region; utilizes second market purchasing and donations by businesses and individuals; provides disaster relief locally and nationally.</p>	

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Red Tomato Canton, MA	Non-profit broker, brander and marketer of East Coast produce from smaller family farms.	 
! Rodale Institute  Kutztown, PA	Non-profit; operates a 330-acre research farm; demonstrates advance organic farming techniques; operates a comprehensive website, demonstration farm with a CSA, research fields and a book press and bookstore.	   
! SHARE Food Program Philadelphia, PA	Non-profit; in exchange for 2 hrs doing "good in the community" SHARE provides monthly deliveries of affordable food packages to area host sites; serves as Philadelphia's conduit for federal supplemental feeding assistance programs (TEFAP and SFPP).	  
! White Dog Community Enterprises Philadelphia, PA	Non-profit; focuses on wholesale and retail opportunities for local farmers through purchasing, workshops, consultations, working groups, and consumer/buyer guides; operates the Fair Food Stand.	  

Professional/Trade Organization

American Trucking Association  Washington, D.C.	Membership organization; educates and advocates the trucking industry; hosts the annual Agricultural and Food Transporters Conference.	
American Mushroom Institute  Washington, D.C. and Avondale, PA	Membership organization; represents mushroom growers, processors and marketers to government; shares best practices and technical assistance.	 
Bucks County Foodshed Alliance Newtown, PA	Membership organization; creates opportunities for people to communicate about and foster a comprehensive, local and sustainable food supply in Bucks County; operates several farmers markets throughout the county.	 
! NOFA-NJ (Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey)  Pennington, NJ	Membership organization; seeks to create a sustainable organic agricultural system; educates diverse audiences about the significance and meaning of organic practices for food and the environment; helps farmers transition to organic practices.	 
PennAg Industries Association  Harrisburg, PA	Membership organization; supports agribusiness by providing testimony at legislative hearings; actively participates in relevant panels and on boards; offers group insurance.	  
! Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA)  Millheim, PA	Membership organization; focuses on peer training, community outreach, and networking to build statewide channels that link farmers with farmers, farmers with consumers, and consumers with markets.	 
! Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  Camp Hill, PA	Membership organization; provides legislative support and representation for farm interests; offers group insurance and other financial services; provides education opportunities and technical assistance.	 
Pennsylvania Motor Trucking Association  Harrisburg, PA	Membership organization; provides support in legislative matters, education/training, public relations, and safety regulations and procedures.	  
Pennsylvania Women's Agricultural Network  State College, PA	Membership organization; created by PSU Cooperative Extension, PASA, Rodale and others; provides practical workshops and trainings for women in agriculture on topics ranging from production to business planning; offers networking opportunities.	 
Vegetable Growers Association of New Jersey  Marlton, NJ	Professional organization; works with other agencies, professional organizations and growers to explore and promote vegetable production.	  
Vegetable Growers Association of Pennsylvania  Richfield, PA	Professional organization; dedicated to providing educational opportunities and resources, funding research, promoting growers and their products and representing the Pennsylvania vegetable, potato and berry industries.	    

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State Government


<p>New Jersey Department of Agriculture 🇺🇸 Trenton, NJ</p>	<p>State government department; major priority to promote, protect and serve the state's agricultural industry; manages programs that feed schoolchildren, distribute emergency food assistance, conserve natural resources, preserve farmland, and explore new export markets.</p>	
<p>New Jersey Department of Agriculture - Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources 🇺🇸 Trenton, NJ</p>	<p>State government division; addresses land use issues, agriculture education, aquaculture and regulation issues, with increasing coordination with DEP on natural resources and health regulations.</p>	
<p>New Jersey Department of Agriculture - Economic Development 🇺🇸 Trenton, NJ</p>	<p>State government division; performs research on farmland assessment regulations and impacts, sales tax implications, and crop insurance implementation; contributed to the creation of the state's farmland preservation regulations.</p>	
<p>! New Jersey Department of Agriculture - Jersey Fresh Program 🇺🇸 Trenton, NJ</p>	<p>State government initiative; one of the oldest state-branding program aimed at increasing consumer awareness and preference; recently expanded to include seafood, horticulture, milk, and value-added goods.</p>	
<p>New Jersey Department of Agriculture - Aquaculture Development 🇺🇸 Trenton, NJ</p>	<p>State government division; assists aquaculturalists with technical, regulation and marketing needs; administers a licensing program and a tidal lands leasing program.</p>	
<p>New Jersey Department of Agriculture - State Agriculture Development Council 🇺🇸 Trenton, NJ</p>	<p>State government initiative; administers state and county farmland preservation funding; emphasizes coordination across state departments and complimentary economic development and business support.</p>	
<p>New Jersey Conservation Districts 🇺🇸 County Offices State-wide</p>	<p>Quasi-state government division; semi-autonomous bodies organized along county lines; develop conservation plans for farms; provide general assistance to farmers; implement the state's erosion control laws on construction and development sites, as well as farms.</p>	
<p>New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 🇺🇸 Trenton, NJ</p>	<p>State government department; responsible for water permitting and allocation, conservation planning and monitoring, and other processes related to water, air, soil, and wildlife habitat.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Conservation District 🇺🇸 County Offices State-wide</p>	<p>Quasi-state government division; each county's organization has differing programs and initiatives; generally provide assistance to individuals and public/private organizations in the use of land, water and other natural resources; some county offices administer the local farmland preservation program.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture 🇺🇸 Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>State government department; mission is to educate, protect and promote agriculture and related industries; manages programs that feed schoolchildren, preserve farmland, explore export markets, regulate food production, retail and distribution, perform health department functions, and provide unique financing options for farmers.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Services 🇺🇸 Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>State government division; inspects restaurants, food plants, fairs, and farm labor camps; performs chemical analysis; administers dairy and raw milk programs educates local health departments or other entities to do inspecting.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture - PA Grows/ Center for Farm Transitions 🇺🇸 Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>State government initiative; newly created program that assists farmers to access state and federal funding programs, perform succession planning, and business planning.</p>	
<p>! Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Market Development 🇺🇸 Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>State government division; employs economic development strategies to livestock marketing and grading, PA Grows, Center for Farm Transition, organic cost-share programs, crop insurance and risk management; is an agricultural business incubator; operates PAPreferred marketing program.</p>	


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<p>Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - Bureau of Rail, Freight, Ports and Waterways 🇺🇸 Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>State government division; provides economic development grants related to rail and freight movement; plans for the long-term goods movement needs.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - Center for Development and Management 🇺🇸 Harrisburg, PA</p>	<p>State government initiative; conducts research as appropriate for the state or other constituent entities and convenes a long range planning advisory group.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania House Representative Mike Hanna 🇺🇸 Clinton and Centre Counties, PA</p>	<p>Political representative; chair of the House Agriculture Committee.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania Senator Mike Brubaker 🇺🇸 Lancaster County, PA</p>	<p>Political representative; chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee; key supporter of Act 38: ACRE Law and farm to school programs.</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania State Representative Dwight Evans 🇺🇸 Philadelphia County, PA</p>	<p>Political representative; Key supporter of food access initiatives for Philadelphia and Pennsylvania including the Fresh Food Financing Initiative.</p>	
<p>Philadelphia Regional Port Authority 🌐 Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Quasi-state agency managing and marketing ports in Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester counties to the global marketplace, with a focus on agricultural products and future growth.</p>	

U.S. Government

<p>Defense Supply Center of Philadelphia 🌐 Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Government entity; contracting arm for all military base operations at home and abroad; Philadelphia office coordinates large-scale food purchases; chooses regional vendors through a bid-process to handle procurement and distribution for school food assistance.</p>	
<p>Farm Service Agency 🇺🇸 State Offices Nationwide</p>	<p>Government entity; implements Farm Bill commodity buying programs, USDA lending programs, and crop insurance programs to serve as safety net in times of low prices or natural disaster.</p>	
<p>U.S. Customs and Border Patrol - USDA Inspections 🌐 Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Government entity; inspects all agricultural products entering the country at ports of entry; emphasizes deterring the introduction of environmentally and biologically harmful pests and substances; increasingly concerned with food safety.</p>	
<p>U.S. Department of Agriculture - National Agriculture Statistics Service 🇺🇸 State Offices Nationwide</p>	<p>Government entity; provides timely, useful and accurate data in the service of the agricultural industry; administers the Census of Agriculture; produces annual reports on specific topics and issues.</p>	

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