

Resources for Producers

[A Letter to Farmers](#): Adapting in the time of COVID-19

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Navigating Online Platforms

- (webinar) [Straightforward webinar](#) about taking local food sales online *1.5 hr*
- (webinar) [Using online](#) sales platform for pre-ordering *1.5 hrs*
- (PDF) [Chart comparing pros and cons](#) of different online sale platforms

Information for Employees & Employers

- (PDF) Employee Rights Under Sick Leave poster in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) from agsafe.org
- (video) [Handwashing protocol](#) video from the CDC in English and Spanish
- (video) Safe working practices in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) from agsafe.org
- (article) [Guidance](#) for businesses operating during COVID from Governor Wolf
- (website) Support for farmworkers from [United Farm Workers](#)
- (webinar) [Do I need to provide](#) my employees with COVID paid sick leave? *1hr*
- (article) [Safety measures and essential practices](#) for employers

Continuing Operations

- (article) [Guidance](#) for receiving on-farm deliveries from agriculture.pa.gov
- (PDFs) Guidance for [dairy](#), [livestock](#), [produce](#)
 - ◆ (webinar) [Steps for dairy managers](#) to protect workforce, business and market
- (PDF) Guidance for food [processing and manufacturing](#)
- (compiled resources) [Creating](#) a business continuity plan
- (article) [Tips for staying healthy and in business](#) during pandemic
- (article) Considerations for [fruit and vegetable growers](#)
- (PDF) [Comprehensive guide](#) to marketing and sales
- (article) Recommended vendor setup [guidelines](#)
- (PDF) [Build a Handwashing Station](#) in 10 steps for \$20

Selling

- (article) [Guidelines](#) for holding farmers markets and on-farm markets from agriculture.pa.gov
- (blog) [Daily updates](#) on farmers market responses to COVID-19
- (video) Farmers market [safe operations](#) from National Environmental Health Association
10 min
- (webinar) [Panel discussion](#) with farmers about online sales and promotion through social media *1 hr*
- (webinar) [How to](#) expand delivery, online ordering, and curbside pickup *1.5 hr*
- (infographic) Safely handling and purchasing food at farmers markets signs
 - ◆ For [vendors and staff](#)
 - ◆ For [consumers](#)
- (webinar) [Weekly webinar](#) on aggregation, distribution, and delivery *1hr*
- (article) Become an [online EBT vendor](#); provide [online purchasing](#) to SNAP households
- (webinar) Opportunities and process for [Becoming a SNAP Vendor](#) in PA *1hr*

Applying for Funding

- (webinar) [Navigating](#) Economic Injury Disaster Loans *1hr*
- (PDF) Farmers' [guide](#) to COVID-19 economic relief
- (article) [Funding](#) for distributors significantly impacted by closure of food service entities
- (article) [CARES](#) Act economic assistance for small businesses
- (compiled resources) [Small Business and Nonprofit](#) Relief Funding Resources in Response to COVID-19
- (article) [USDA's](#) Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)
 - ◆ (webinar) [Intro](#) to CFAP *15min*
- (video) Michigan State University Extension: COVID-19 Relief Programs in [Spanish](#) *45min*
- (article) Receiving funding for donations of surplus food products through [PASS](#)

Sites with regular updates:

- (blog) PA Department of Ag blog called ["Food for Thought"](#)
- (website) Penn State [Extension](#)
- (blog) Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association [COVID-19 News](#)
- (blog) Pennsylvania Farmers Union [COVID-19 Page](#)

Compiled Resources

- Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group [resources](#)
- Free webinars by [Farm Commons](#)
- Penn State Extension educational resources
 - ◆ [Animal and livestock](#)

- ◆ [Crops and produce](#)
- ◆ [Food safety and quality](#)
- ◆ [COVID-19 webinars](#)
- National Farm to School Network [online ordering platform](#) resources
- National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition [COVID-19 resources](#)
- National Young Farmers Coalition [resource library](#)
- PASA Sustainable Agriculture [resources](#)
- Farmers Market Coalition [resources](#)
- Pennsylvania Agriculture Resilience Network [resources](#)
- Future Harvest [resources](#)