

Lancaster County Farming FACTS

6th edition

Lancaster County holds the distinction of being the **most productive** non-irrigated farming county in the United States.

Lancaster County Key Facts

Every \$1 of products leaving Lancaster farms boosts our economy by approximately \$6 - a value of \$6 billion per year.

More than 99% of Lancaster farms are family-owned.

Lancaster's farmland & culture are the primary reasons that 7 million tourists spend \$1.6 billion per year in Lancaster.

Ranked #1 in the U.S. with approximately 80,000 acres of preserved farmland in Lancaster, which represents 25% of Ag-zoned land.

Ranked in the top 5 PA counties in 26 of the 28 products reported in the 2007 Census of Agriculture.



Water Facts

The average 78-acre farm with 65 cows per year:

Farmland collects 38 million gallons of ground water from rain.

Cows & family use 1 million gallons of water.

Result: Nearly 37 million gallons of ground water were contributed by farmland, while developed land with the same acreage contributed zero gallons.



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Each Year Lancaster Farmers Feed...

9 million people	eggs
10.6 million people	milk
3.6 million people	chicken
2.2 million people	pork
835,750 people	beef



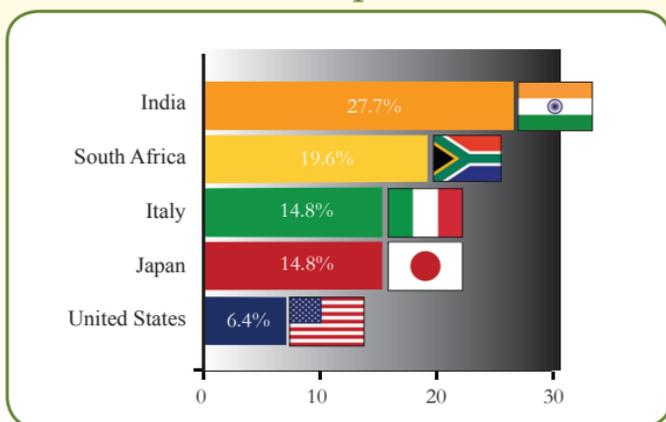
Did you know that Lancaster County has more than 15 farm and non-farm waste-to-energy projects... the most of any county in Pennsylvania?

Lancaster's Value to PA Agriculture

	Lancaster County	Total PA Agriculture
Number of farms	5,462	63,200
Average farm size	78 acres	124 acres
Total acres of farmland	425,336	7.8 million
% of land in farmland	68%	27.3%
Cash receipts of crops	\$150 million	\$1.87 billion
Cash receipts of livestock	\$923 million	\$3.94 billion
Total cash receipts	\$1.07 billion	\$5.81 billion

Did you know that farmers and ranchers make up less than 2% of the U.S. population, and each one produces food and fiber for 144 people?

World Food Cost Graph (% of income spent on food)



For more information, visit KeepLancasterCountyFarming.com
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