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.
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

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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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