

PENNSYLVANIA VEGETABLE MARKETING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM

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TABLE OF ASSESSMENT RATES

Find the total number of production units which is the number of acres of field grown vegetables PLUS the number of thousand square feet of greenhouse or high tunnel production area in the column labeled "Units" below. The amount of assessment due will be in the column labeled "\$".

NOTE: Growers may optionally elect to pay an assessment of 1.25% of their gross sales of vegetables (0.0125 x gross sales) instead of using the table below. A minimum assessment of \$25 is due. Growers may use the method that results in the least amount of assessment due. In most all cases, however, the table below will result in the lowest assessment payment.

Units	\$	Units	\$	Units	\$	Units	\$
1	25.00	26	56.50	51	94.00	76	131.50
2	25.00	27	58.00	52	95.50	77	133.00
3	25.00	28	59.50	53	97.00	78	134.50
4	25.00	29	61.00	54	98.50	79	136.00
5	25.00	30	62.50	55	100.00	80	137.50
6	26.50	31	64.00	56	101.50	81	139.00
7	28.00	32	65.50	57	103.00	82	140.50
8	29.50	33	67.00	58	104.50	83	142.00
9	31.00	34	68.50	59	106.00	84	143.50
10	32.50	35	70.00	60	107.50	85	145.00
11	34.00	36	71.50	61	109.00	86	146.50
12	35.50	37	73.00	62	110.50	87	148.00
13	37.00	38	74.50	63	112.00	88	149.50
14	38.50	39	76.00	64	113.50	89	151.00
15	40.00	40	77.50	65	115.00	90	152.50
16	41.50	41	79.00	66	116.50	91	154.00
17	43.00	42	80.50	67	118.00	92	155.50
18	44.50	43	82.00	68	119.50	93	157.00
19	46.00	44	83.50	69	121.00	94	158.50
20	47.50	45	85.00	70	122.50	95	160.00
21	49.00	46	86.50	71	124.00	96	161.50
22	50.50	47	88.00	72	125.50	97	163.00
23	52.00	48	89.50	73	127.00	98	164.50
24	53.50	49	91.00	74	128.50	99	166.00
25	55.00	50	92.50	75	130.00	100	167.50

If line D is greater than 100, use the following formula (Note – DO NOT use this formula if line D is less than 100 – just use the table \$ amount):
 Subtract 5 from line D. Multiply this number by \$1.50. Add \$25.00 to this to get your total assessment.

$$\text{Line D} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad - 5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \times \$1.50 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad + \$25.00 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pennsylvania Vegetable Marketing and Research Program was established in 1988 by a grower referendum under the Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act of 1968. Every five years a grower referendum must approve the continuation of the Program. It is controlled by a board consisting of twelve growers appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, one representative of the collecting sales agents and the Secretary of Agriculture. The Program's sole purpose is to serve the vegetable growers of Pennsylvania by promoting Pennsylvania-grown vegetables and funding practical vegetable production research.

All persons who grow vegetables for sale on one or more acres of land OR in 1,000 sq. ft. or more of greenhouse/high tunnel area OR who grow and sell \$2,000 worth of vegetables are required by law to pay an annual assessment to the Program and file a Production Verification Statement. The basic assessment is \$25 per grower. An additional assessment of \$1.50 is due on each production unit above the first 5 units (acres or 1,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse vegetables). Growers may elect to pay an assessment of 1.25% of their gross vegetable sales. High tunnel production area is counted as greenhouse production area. The table above includes both the basic and additional assessment. Payments are due no later than January 31 for the production in the previous calendar year. **A \$25 penalty is added to all assessments paid after January 31.**

Vegetables include all crops commonly termed vegetables including but not limited to: asparagus, beans (snap, dry and lima), beets, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, collards, kale, mustard greens, kohlrabi, carrots, celery, corn (sweet, pop and ornamental), cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, horseradish, leeks, lettuce, muskmelons, watermelon, onions, parsley, parsnips, peas, peppers, pumpkins and squash (edible and decorative), gourds, radishes, rutabagas, spinach, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and turnips. **WHITE POTATOES ARE NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE THERE IS A SEPARATE POTATO RESEARCH PROGRAM. MUSHROOMS AND SMALL FRUITS (STRAWBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES, RASPBERRIES, AND GRAPES) ARE NOT INCLUDED EITHER.** Greenhouse vegetables are those crops grown to maturity in the greenhouse or high tunnel, like tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and lettuce. **GREENHOUSE VEGETABLES DO NOT INCLUDE VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS. All HIGH TUNNEL production area should be counted as greenhouse production area.**