

PENNSYLVANIA VEGETABLE MARKETING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM

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PRODUCTION VERIFICATION STATEMENT
for _____ Growing Season

Serial No.
WEB9999

Program ID Number _____ TELEPHONE _____
NAME _____
FARM _____ EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY STATE ZIP _____

Please make any necessary corrections to the name, address, phone or email above and complete the following information:

Is your farm: certified organic sustainable (non-certified organic, minimal pesticides) conventional (IPM)

For fresh market growers, how do you sell your produce? Retail Wholesale (check all that apply)

If you sell your produce retail, what forms of retail sales do you use? (check all that apply)

Roadside Market Community Farmer's Market CSA Other _____

If you sell your produce wholesale, what type of wholesale outlets do you sell to? (check all that apply)

Auction Chain Store Warehouse Direct Store Delivery Wholesaler/Broker Restaurant
 Cooperative Other _____

If you wish, you may designate what percentage of your assessment payment should be used for marketing activities (point-of-purchase materials, Paf Produce Month, press releases, recipe contest, etc.) and what percentage should be used for research.

____ % Research _____ % Marketing

Number of acres of fresh market vegetables grown **A** _____
(to the nearest whole acre).

Number of acres of processing vegetables grown **B** _____
(to the nearest whole acre).

Number of thousand sq. ft. of greenhouse and HIGH TUNNEL vegetables grown **C** _____
(to the nearest thousand--for 5,300, enter 5; for 24,800, enter 25).

Total number of production units (Total of lines A, B and C) **D** _____

Assessment (see Table of Assessment Rates on the back of the pink copy of this form)
Make checks payable to the : PA Veg. Marketing & Research Prog. \$ _____

Balance Due from Point-of-Purchase Order (if any) \$ _____

Total Due (total of assessment and balance from point-of-purchase order) \$ _____

I affirm that the foregoing statements are true and correct, and make said statements subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). I also authorize the collecting sales agent listed below to deduct any assessment due from his payments to me.

Signature (required) _____ **Date** _____

Sales Agent (name and address -- if applicable)

Return this form to:

PA Veg. Marketing & Research Prog., 2301 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

If you did NOT grow vegetables for sale on one or more acres of land or in 1,000 or more sq. ft. of greenhouse area or grew and sold less than \$2,000 worth of vegetables in 2013, please check the appropriate box below:

I do not grow any vegetables for sale or am permanently out of the vegetable business.

I grow vegetables for sale but less than one acre and less than 1,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse vegetables and sold less than \$2,000 worth.

I normally grow or intend to grow vegetables for sale on one or more acres of land or 1,000 or more sq. ft. of greenhouse area or sell more than \$2,000 worth but did not do so in this growing season.

PLEASE NOTE – YOU MUST FILL OUT BOTH COPIES SEPARATELY
Return the White Copy to the Veg. Mktg. & Res. Program - Keep the Pink Copy for your records

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TABLE OF ASSESSMENT RATES

Find the total number of production units - acres and thousand square feet of greenhouse area (line D on the front of the form) in the column labeled "Units". The amount of assessment due will be in the column labeled "\$". **NOTE: Growers may 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, 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:

Subtract 5 from line D. Multiply this number by \$1.50. Add \$25.00 to this to get your total assessment.

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Line D

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.

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.**

Certain sales agents, namely produce auctions, packinghouses, cooperatives and processors, are required by law to collect the assessment from growers unless the grower has already paid the assessment directly to the Program.