



# PENNSYLVANIA VEGETABLE MARKETING & RESEARCH PROGRAM

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## ASSESSMENT STATEMENT FORM for \_\_\_\_\_ Growing Season

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Program ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 or 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 this form)  
Make checks payable to the : PA Veg. Marketing & Research Prog. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due from Point-of-Purchase Order (if any – ADD to line above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due (total of assessment plus any 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).

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 did NOT grow vegetables for sale in 1,000 or more sq. ft. of greenhouse/high tunnel area OR DID grow vegetables but sold less than \$2,000 worth of vegetables this year, 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 that \$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 this year.

Return one copy to the Veg. Mktg. & Res. Program - KEEP THE ANOTHER 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 or high tunnel production 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 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.

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

### 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.**