PENNSYLVANIA Vegetable Marketing & Research Program

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## **2015 Point of Purchase Materials**

The Vegetable Program is offering the following selection of point-of-purchase items. <u>Each grower is allowed a credit</u> equal to 50% of their assessment payment for the year up to a maximium credit of \$25 in ordering point-of-purchase materials. If you wish to order more than your credit allowance, you may do so by paying the additional amount due.



- "PA Preferred" "Fresh Local Vegetables" banner a 2' x 4' heavy vinyl banner with grommets in the corners featuring a full color picture of produce with the headline "Fresh Local Produce " and the "PA Preferred" logo in full color. <u>Growers must be licensed</u> <u>members of the "PA Preferred" program to order this</u> <u>banner – fill out the back of the white copy of the</u> <u>Production Verification Statement.</u> (\$14.00 value, each)
- "PA Preferred" Price Paddles tapered vinyl paddles with the "PA Preferred" slogan and logo across the top in full-color especially designed to stick in produce displayed in baskets or other containers; paddles are available in two sizes – 9" and 12" long <u>Growers must be licensed members of the "PA Preferred" program to order these</u> <u>paddles – fill out the back of the white copy of the Production Verification Statement</u> (\$5 value, pack of 10)





- **PA Produce Month Promotional Materials Kit** two large posters 22" x 18" and a tablet of 20 price cards 7" x 11" in full color. (\$2.00 value, per kit)
- PA Produce Month Small Posters- six small posters 8.5" x 11" in full color. (\$0.50 value, per pack of 6 NOTE: 6 small posters will automatically be shipped at no additional cost will all POP orders)
- **Restaurant Sign** an 8.5" x 11" poster with the text "We serve Fresh, Local" above the "Simply Delicious, Simply Nutritious" logo in full color. (\$0.50 value, each)
- "Simply Delicious" Bin Wrap 30" x 16' white plastic sheet with logo in full color repeated 4 or 5 times (\$1 value, each limited supply).
- "Simply Delicious" Roadside Sign 24" wide x 18" high white corrigated plastic sign with wire posts with the "Simply Delicious" logo across the top on both sides (\$10.00 value, each).
- Crop or Message Stickers -- for roadside signs above or other signs, 3.75" high x 15" long, crops/messages available are: Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, Peppers, Asparagus, Green Beans, Cantaloupe, Watermelons, Strawberries, Pumpkins, Fall Crops, Organic, Just Ahead, Farm Fresh, a directional arrow and a blank sticker (so you can enter your own message with a wide-tip marker) -- remember to order at least two stickers for each sign --one for each side (\$0.50 value, each).





• Clip-on Price Cards – 3" x 4" plastic holders with a clip (they are actually name badges like those used at conventions) with changeable insert cards printed with the "Simply Delicious, Simply Nutritious" logo in color for prices (\$7.00 value, pack of 10)

• Price Cards - 5 1/2" x 7" vinyl cards with the "Simply Delicious, Simply Nutritious" slogan and logo across the bottom in full-color, (\$4 value, pack of 10);

 "Simply Delicious" Price Paddles – tapered vinyl paddles with the "Simply Delicious" slogan and logo across the top in full-color especially designed to stick in produce displayed in baskets or other containers; paddles are 9" long (\$5 value, pack of 10 – limited supply)

• Price Stickers - oval stickers (0.9375" x 2") with the text "PA Produce Simply Delicious" in red and green with room in the middle to price larger produce items (\$5 value, roll of 500);





- "Simply Delicious, Simply Nutritious" Hats sand colored mesh, adjustablesized hat with logo embroidered in full color on the front (\$7.50 value, each);
- · "Simply Delicious, Simply Nutritious" Tee Shirts sand colored tee shirts of 50% cotton/50% polyester material with logo printed in full color on the front, AVAILABLE IN MEDIUM SIZE ONLY (\$7.50 value, each);



• "Fun and Healthy Facts About Pennsylvania Vegetables" Brochures - an educational brochure for children about the nutritional value of vegetables, the edible plant parts of vegetables (seeds, stems, fruits, etc.) and Pennsylvania vegetable acreage statistics (\$5.50 value, pack of 100);

## HOW TO USE KALE

- Kale cooks down dramatically so be sure to buy plenty. . Store unwashed in an airtight container in the coldest part of the refrigerator for up to 3 to 4 days.
- To perk up limp leaves, trim the base of the stems and soak in lukewarm water
  Thoroughly wash leaves and trim off stems and tough midribs.
- Blanching for 1 or 2 minutes in boiling water reduces bitterness and softens thick greens. Drain immediately and then run under cold water. Instead of blanching, kale can also be microwaved in a covered dish for 4 to 7 minutes
- Blanched kale can be sautéed in a small amount of oil or stock and served like spinach or other greens.
- Kale can also simmered, covered, in a seasoned broth for 10 minutes or more or simply steamed for several minutes until wilted. Chopped, cooked kale can be mixed with grains such as rice or barley or added to soups, stews, beans or pasta sauces.
- · Blend a few young chopped leaves without the stems into fruit smoothies.

• How to Use Information Cards – 3" x 5" cards on less wellknown crops in tablets of 50 cards for easy display with the produce – cards are available for the following crops: Beets, Eggplant, Kale, Leeks, Spaghetti Squash, Summer Squash, Swiss Chard and Winter Squash. (\$1.50 value - tablets of 50 sheets each)

 Vegetable Recipe Cards - sixteen different vegetable recipes with full color pictures on attractive 3" x 5" cards, (\$15 value - 16 packs of 50 each);

• Recipe Card Display Rack - unfinished wood with slots for sixteen different recipes (\$17.50 value, each).



• "Fresh Local Vegetables" Tee Shirt Bags - these white, disposable (but recyclable) plastic grocery shopping bags are 12" x 7" x 23" and 18 microns thick. These are standard grocery bag size and heavier than the cheapest grocery bags. With care they can be used for corn, putting the silk end in first, but they are NOT heavy-duty bags designed specifically for corn. They have "Fresh Local Vegetables" printed in green on one side and the "PA Preferred" logo printed in blue and gold on the other. While not as cheap as generic "Thank You" bags, they focus attention to the "Fresh Local Vegetables" you are selling. (\$25 per 1,000 PLUS SHIPPING - call 717-694-3596 for shipping charges).

Questions - call 717-694-3596 or email pvmrp@embargmail.com.