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YOUNG, BEGINNING, AND SMALL FARMER *Resources*

Horizon Farm Credit

Financing for farming, land, and rural homes in addition to crop insurance and accounting services.

Phone: 888.339.3334 | horizonfc.com



National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS)

Agency within USDA that manages land conservation programs and cost-share funding programs.

Phone: 717.237.2100 | nrcs.usda.gov/state-offices/pennsylvania



Pasa Sustainable Agriculture (Pasa)

Nonprofit that supports sustainable farms and equitable food systems through farmer-driven education, research, and community.

Phone: 814.349.9856 | pasafarming.org



Penn State Cooperative Extension

Empowers farmers, agribusinesses, youth, and communities with science-based education and innovative solutions to advance agriculture, enhance a healthy and safe food supply, and promote responsible natural resource stewardship across Pennsylvania and beyond.

Phone: 877.345.0691 | extension.psu.edu



Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts

Represents and supports Pennsylvania's conservation districts by promoting the responsible use and protection of natural resources through education, partnerships, and locally led conservation efforts.

Phone: 717.238.7223 | pacd.org



Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA)

State level government agency that ensures a vibrant economy and a successful future for Pennsylvania agriculture. It works to safeguard the public through targeted investments, regulatory oversight, promotion, education, and conservation of agricultural and natural resources.

Phone: 717.787.4737 | pa.gov/agencies/pda



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

A grassroots member-driven organization that unifies farmers and rural community members to advocate for important issues facing the industry and provides education, including a Young Ag Professionals program.

Phone: 717.761.2740 | pfb.com



Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation

Protects prime agricultural land by purchasing conservation easements from farmers, ensuring long-term food production, economic stability, and the continuation of farming for future generations in partnership with all levels of government and non-profit organizations.

Phone: 717.783.3167 | pa.gov/agencies/pda/plants-land-water/farmland-preservation



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Pennsylvania Farm Link

Statewide program that connects retiring farmers and landowners with beginning and expanding farmers while providing resources to support farm transitions and succession planning.

Phone: 717.705.2121 | pafarmlink.org



Pennsylvania Farm Service Agency (FSA)

USDA agency that delivers financial assistance to agricultural producers through loans and program services administered at local offices.

Phone: 717.237.2113 | fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/pennsylvania



Pennsylvania Veteran Farming Network

Supports and connects military veterans with resources, education, and opportunities to succeed in agriculture.

Phone: 724.691.1087 | pavetfarms.org/thenetwork



Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association

Nonprofit that educates and supports individuals in agriculture by promoting environmentally responsible farming and providing training, resources, and community-based learning opportunities.

Phone: 484.459.1957 | payoungfarmers.com



Pennsylvania Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Agriculture Center for Excellence

Provides free, confidential consulting and training to farmers and food and agriculture businesses through a statewide network of specialized centers at PennWest University Clarion, Penn State University, and The University of Scranton.

Phone: 877.472.7232 | pasbdc.org/agriculture



Rodale Institute

Agricultural research and educational nonprofit dedicated to advancing the regenerative organic agriculture movement through rigorous scientific experimentation, farmer training, and education.

Phone: 610.683.1400 | rodaleinstitute.org



Looking for more resources?

This list includes many helpful options, but it isn't exhaustive. If you don't see something that fits your needs, a Farm Credit team member can help connect you with additional resources or organizations that may be a better match — just give us a call!

Key



Financing & Grant Funding — Access to funding opportunities, financial assistance programs, grants, and investment resources.



Soil & Environmental Stewardship — Resources focused on soil health, land stewardship, and long-term environmental sustainability.



Networking — Opportunities to connect with peers, build relationships, share experiences, and collaborate with others in the industry.



Education & Professional Development — Learning opportunities, training programs, and resources that support skill development and continued growth.



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