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**Department of Agriculture**

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**ADVISORY – TOMORROW – BERKS COUNTY – Shapiro  
Administration and Feeding Pennsylvania to Celebrate Decade-Long  
Partnership to Fight Food Insecurity in Our Communities through the  
Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System**

**Morgantown, PA – Tomorrow, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** Feeding Pennsylvania will celebrate a decade-long partnership supplying families in need with fresh, high-quality food, and giving Pennsylvania farmers a reliable market for their surplus crops through the [Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System \(PASS\)](#).

Since 2016, the **Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture** has worked through PASS to increase food security and reduce food waste, providing **\$31.9 million** to Feeding Pennsylvania's network of food banks to buy **38.3 million pounds** of nutritious surplus food from Pennsylvania farmers. Sec. Redding will celebrate along with the Weaver family at **Weaver's Orchard**, and other 10-year PASS partner-farmers, **Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank** and other charitable food system leaders who feed their neighbors across Pennsylvania through the program.

**WHO:**

Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding

Feeding Pennsylvania CEO Julie Bancroft

Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank President and Feeding Pennsylvania Board Chair Jay Worrall

Weaver's Orchard President Ed Weaver

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 19, at 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Weaver's Orchard: 40 Fruit Lane, Morgantown, PA 19543

**RSVP:** Press interested in attending should RSVP to [aginfo@pa.gov](mailto:aginfo@pa.gov)