

PSCFO Priorities Survey

From the twenty-two issues listed below, please indicate the top five issues for Pennsylvania agriculture in priority order by clicking the appropriate circle for each issue selected. "1st" is top priority, "2nd" is second, etc., through the "5th." Please be sure to look over the entire list before selecting. There is also a space at the bottom to add an issue that you think is important, but that we missed. You can change your selection at any time until you click "Done" at the bottom.

Answer Options	Most Important Issue	2nd Most Important Issue	3th Most Important Issue	4th Most Important Issue	5th Most Important Issue	Rating Average	Response Count	Ranking Score	Priority
Environmental Impacts - Insure that environmental regulations are workable and realistic	4	10	1	2	1	3.78	18	68	1
Economic Viability of Agriculture - Agriculture needs to be profitable	8	0	4	1	2	3.73	15	56	2
Agriculture Education - We need to educate the consumer about agriculture both on a formal and non-formal basis	6	2	2	3	1	3.64	14	51	3
Dairy Enhancement - As Pennsylvania agriculture's major component, this segment continues to require primary attention	1	6	6	1	1	3.33	15	50	4
Animal Welfare - Developing a proactive program for agriculture to minimize adverse activity from "animal rights" activists	3	2	3	4	3	2.87	15	43	5
Impacts of Marcellus Shale - Drilling for natural gas has environmental, sociological and economic impacts in much of rural Pennsylvania	2	1	2	4	6	2.27	15	34	6
Food Safety - Protecting consumers from tainted food and developing workable and realistic regulations	0	3	2	5	2	2.50	12	30	7
Agricultural Research - Emerging and significant Pennsylvania agricultural problems	2	2	1	2	2	3.00	9	27	8
Alternative Energy - Issues Supports the production, use and promotion of ag-based energy products	1	3	0	2	3	2.67	9	24	9
Health Care Costs - Spiraling costs have forced many to drop coverage; a solution needs to be found	2	0	3	0	5	2.40	10	24	10
Immigration Reform - A workable program is needed to recruit temporary ag workers from abroad	2	1	1	0	1	3.60	5	18	11
Agriculture and Electric Deregulation - How will electric deregulation impact agriculture?	0	1	1	3	1	2.33	6	14	12
Agricultural Risk Management - Crop insurance needs to be continued to provide the base for a safety net for producers	0	1	2	1	1	2.60	5	13	13
Bio-security - Protecting agriculture from disease and terrorism	1	1	0	0	1	3.33	3	10	14
Transportation - Updating Pennsylvania vehicle code to provide for transporting modern agriculture equipment	0	1	1	0	1	2.67	3	8	15
Foodshed Development & Support Local Food Systems - This area focus would include product development, marketing, tax incentives, regulations	1	0	1	0	0	4.00	2	8	16
Political Education - We need to be developing leaders at the grassroots level	0	0	1	2	0	2.33	3	7	17
Emergency Preparedness - We must educate so we are prepared for disasters whether natural or otherwise	0	0	1	1	0	2.50	2	5	18
Trade Opportunities for Agriculture - Marketing Pennsylvania agricultural products through North America and abroad	0	0	1	1	0	2.50	2	5	19
Highway Infrastructure - Refers to increased funding for roads and bridges	0	0	1	0	1	2.00	2	4	20
Eminent Domain - Laws concerning the "taking" of farm land for other than agriculture purposes must be addressed	0	0	0	1	1	1.50	2	3	21
Confidentiality - Protect information gathered by government to insure that data is not accessed by others	0	0	0	0	1	1.00	1	1	22
Other issue(s) not on list (please specify): Workforce, Agrotourism, Food Security, Cap and Trade							4		
Surveys Sent: 88 Total Survey Responses:							34		