

GROWTH TRENDS

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❄️ The 2014 Holiday Season ❄️

Over the holidays, many of us gather to celebrate with family and friends. We give gifts, continue traditions and share meals. To commemorate this time of year, the YCPC presents the following holiday-related facts and figures.



The Season of Eating

According to the 2012 US Census of Agriculture, York County ranks 6th in the State in turkey production, with 143,068 turkeys raised annually. There are 9 farms in the County that grow sweet potatoes. Over 900 acres are planted with green beans and two farms specialize in fresh cut herbs.

Apples for holiday pies can come from one of the 98 orchards in York County. You can wash down your holiday cookies with local milk. Statewide, Pennsylvania milk producers' sales exceed \$2 billion annually.

Many ring in the New Year with a traditional meal of pork and sauerkraut. There are almost 46,000 hogs and pigs in the County. Cabbage and sauerkraut could be purchased at one of the 35 York County farm markets included in the PA Department of Agriculture's **2012 Consumer's Guide to PA Farm Markets**.

Holiday Shopping

According to the County Business Patterns (2012, US Census), there are 1,291 retail trade establishments in York County. There are 64 stores which sell electronics and appliances, popular items on many wish lists. There are 83 clothing and 23 shoe stores. Thirty establishments sell sporting goods and 9 sell hobby/toys/games. There are 12 bookstores in York County and 17 department stores. You may find your holiday fruitcake at one of the County's 5 retail bakeries.



Christmas Trees

York County is home to 44 tree farms that comprise almost 1,200 acres of production. The US Census of Agriculture reports that York County ranks second in the State in Christmas tree production, with **about 80,000** trees cut annually. Schuylkill County ranks first in Pennsylvania for cut Christmas trees.



Christmas trees can be recycled by dropping them off December 26 through January 31 at the York County Solid Waste Authority's Yard Waste Transfer Facility. Many municipalities also participate in curbside recycling of Christmas trees.