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**Branch**. Three or more years experience in facility management or closely related field. Working knowledge of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, carpentry, and other maintenance-related areas.

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## **Have You Checked Out Your Local Farmers Market?**

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - Thousands of farms across Pennsylvania market and sell their products directly to consumers. In fact, according to the latest data from U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Commonwealth ranks second in the nation in direct-to-consumer sales.

The data revealed 6,200 farms are selling food locally through direct marketing. In 2020, those sales generated \$600 million in revenue.

Many on-farm markets and farmers market vendors are members of the PA Preferred® program or carry PA Preferred products. PA Preferred is the statewide branding program for agricultural products grown, produced and processed in Pennsylvania. When purchasing items with the PA Preferred checkmark, consumers are support-



ing locally grown and processed Pennsylvania agricultural products and directly supporting Pennsylvania farmers. According to the state Department of Agriculture, there are 745 PA Preferred members across the Commonwealth.

To find an on-farm market or farmers market near you, visit Penn State Extension's Farmers Market Finder. For more information about PA Preferred, including how to become a member, visit agriculture.pa.gov.



