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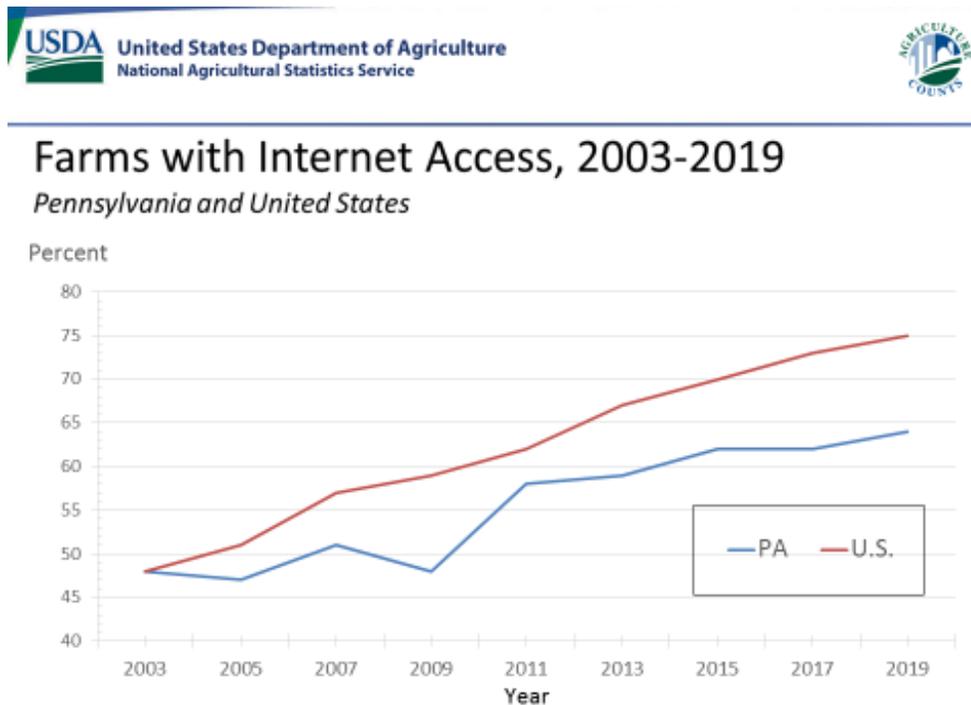
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Farms with Internet Access Up in Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG, PA - - Farms with internet access in Pennsylvania increased to 64 percent in 2019, compared to 62 percent reported in 2017 according to King Whetstone, director of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Region. Sixty-six percent of farms also reported having access to a desktop or laptop computer. Farms that used a desktop or laptop computer to conduct farm business remained at 40 percent, the same as 2017. Thirty-nine percent of the farms in Pennsylvania used a smart phone or tablet to conduct farm business, compared with 35 percent in 2017.

In 2019, thirty-nine percent of farms in Pennsylvania used a Digital Subscriber Line, or DSL, and 30 percent of farms used cable to access the internet. Since 2017, DSL and cable continue to be the most popular choices that Pennsylvania farms use to access the internet.

Nationally, 75 percent of farms reported having access to the internet, with 73 percent of farms having access to a desktop or laptop computer. The 2019 computer usage estimates are based on responses from more than 20,000 agricultural operations, and represent all sizes and types of farms.



For the complete “Farm Computer Usage and Ownership” report, go to:
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