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Percentage of Pennsylvania farms with internet access lags behind national number

HARRISBURG, PA - - Sixty-four percent of Pennsylvania farms reported having internet access in 2021, unchanged from 2019 according to King Whetstone, director of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Region. Nationally, 82% of farms reported having access to the internet with 98% paying for access.

In 2021, 28% of farms in Pennsylvania used the internet to purchase agricultural inputs, which was an increase of 4% from 2019. Additionally, 18% of farms used the internet to market agricultural activities, which was an increase of 4% from 2019. Farms which conducted business with non-agricultural websites in 2021 decreased by 8% to 33%.

In 2021, 61% of internet connected farms in Pennsylvania utilized a broadband connection while 49% of internet connected farms had access through a cellular data plan. Additionally, 52% of farms had a desktop or laptop computer while 53% of farms had a smart phone.

Farm Internet Access – Northeastern States and United States: 2019 and 2021

State	Farms			
	With internet access		Internet access by paying a cell phone company or internet service provider	Internet access without paying a cell phone company or internet service provider
	2019 (percent)	2021 (percent)	2021 (percent)	2021 (percent)
Maryland ¹	77	80	99	1
New Hampshire ²	94	97	93	7
New Jersey	91	91	100	(Z)
New York	81	81	92	8
Pennsylvania	64	64	99	1
United States ³	75	82	98	2

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Includes Delaware and Maryland.

² Includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

³ Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

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

<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/h128nd689>

The “Farm Computer Usage and Ownership” report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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