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Percentage of Pennsylvania farms with internet access increases, USDA reports

HARRISBURG, PA - - Sixty-six percent of Pennsylvania farms reported having internet access in 2023, compared to 64% in 2021 according to King Whetstone, director of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Region. Nationally, 85% of farms reported having access to the internet.

In 2023, 26% of farms in Pennsylvania used the internet to purchase agricultural inputs, compared to the U.S. average of 32%. Additionally, 18% of farms used the internet to market agricultural activities, which was unchanged from 2021. Farms which conducted business with non-agricultural websites in 2023 was 29%.

In 2023, 62% of internet connected farms in Pennsylvania utilized a broadband connection while 57% of internet connected farms had access through a cellular data plan. Additionally, 51% of farms had a desktop or laptop computer while 61% of farms had a smart phone.

Farm Internet Access – Northeastern States and United States: 2021 and 2023

State	Farms	
	With internet access	
	2021	2023
	(percent)	(percent)
Maryland ¹	80	85
New Hampshire ²	97	98
New Jersey	91	92
New York	81	82
Pennsylvania	64	66
United States ³	82	85

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>

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