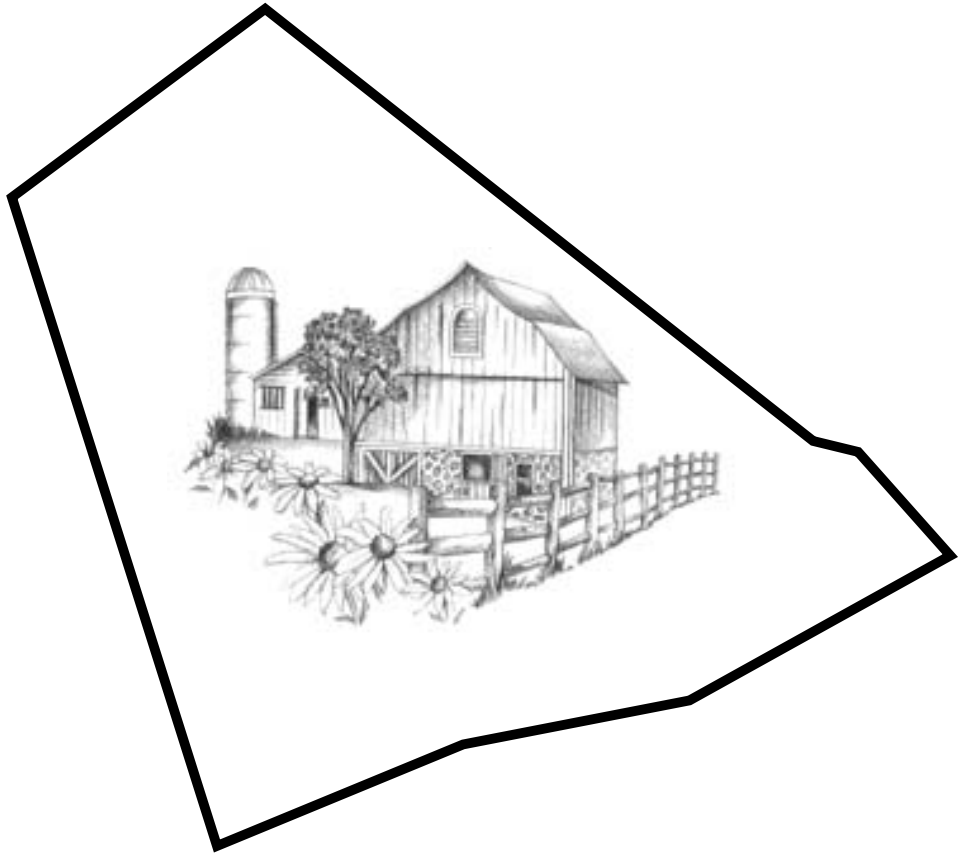


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LEBANON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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- ~February 10-13 YF&R Fusion Conference
- ~February 20 Farm Bureau Day

Local, State and National News:

Farm Bureau Day for 2017 will be held February 20th at Acorn Farms in Mount Joy.

GPS address: 3141 Mount Joy Road, Mount Joy, PA. This will be an evening event with a meal served at 6:00 PM with program and breakout sessions to follow. Regular Lebanon County Farm Bureau members are invited to attend but they need to RSVP to a board member or Johanna by Feb 3. The program will be mainly state and national legislative updates and there is no cost to attend.

The 2017 YF&R Fusion Conference will be in Pittsburgh, PA on February 10-13.

Conference Objectives include:

1. Bring members and leaders of the Promotion & Education, Women's Leadership and Young Farmers & Ranchers programs in one location to learn, share and grow together to build a stronger Farm Bureau.
2. Provide a networking opportunity for Farm Bureau members to share experiences, learn and connect with industry leaders and experts.
3. Develop a call to action for members to utilize information they glean and apply ideas developed from the conference in their states.
4. Provide members the opportunity to give back to the local community (Pittsburgh) through community outreach and/or engagement programs/events.
5. Provide current, accurate and valuable information through sessions and workshops in the areas of AFBF's major focus areas: Innovation & financial planning; Economic & rural growth; Advocacy, outreach and education; Leadership training.

For questions regarding the FUSION Conference, please contact us at fusion@fb.org or call 202-406-3600.

New IRS Deadline and Penalties for Filing W-2s and 1099s

A law passed by Congress last fall has moved up the deadline for filing W-2 and 1099 forms with government agencies. All employers must now file Form W-2 with the Social Security Administration by January 31 of each year. Form 1099-MISC must also be filed with the IRS by January 31. January 31 remains the deadline to issue a W-2 or a 1099 to an employee or payee (contractor). The new deadline is an attempt to combat the massive eFile fraud problem. The IRS will now have the needed verifying information for the W-2 and 1099 amounts on taxpayer 1040s. It is hoped that this action will cut deeply into the admitted \$15 billion in fraudulent refunds issued last year. The new law imposes increased penalties for employers who miss the new deadline. File your W2s on February 10, and a \$50-per-form penalty will be assessed. If you have 10 employees, this is a \$500 penalty for each late form. File the forms in March as you could last year and the penalty increases to \$150 per form. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's MSC Business Services recommends that farmers double check that all information on W-2 and 1099s are correct prior to issuing.

Pennsylvania Leads the Nation in Number of Farmers Selling to Consumers

More Pennsylvania farmers are selling their products directly to consumers than any other state in the nation, according to a nationwide survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. While the state was fourth in the total dollar value of sales, it led in the total number of farmers involved in direct farm sales. Farm to consumer sales, including selling to wholesalers who distribute through food hubs, resulted in \$8.7 billion in revenue for farmers nationwide in 2015. The USDA survey found that 115,000 farmers were involved in direct-to-consumer sales at stores and farmers markets. California leads the nation with \$2.8 billion in direct marketing sales; while Pennsylvania farmers have \$439 million in direct farm sales. The Keystone State has more than 6,000 farmers engaged in direct to consumer sales.

Penn State Develops Education Resources for Food Safety Act

Penn State has developed educational resource tools to help growers and food processors understand the new federal Food Safety Modernization Act. Along with developing a new information website, Penn State is hosting several education workshops throughout 2017

Oklahoma Attorney General Selected To Lead EPA

President-elect Donald Trump selected Scott Pruitt to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. His appointment must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Pruitt is currently the Attorney General in Oklahoma, where he led a legal challenge against the "Waters of the U. S." rule. The rule, commonly referred to as WOTUS, was pushed by the EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and would give both federal agencies the ability to regulate dry land under the guise of clean water. He is also one of 28 attorneys general suing the federal government over proposed EPA rules aimed at cutting carbon emissions. American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said Pruitt will have farmers' best interest at heart.

"We anticipate that as EPA administrator, Pruitt will listen to our concerns and those of others who work with the nation's natural resources on a daily basis. Agriculture is a profession based on a solid ethic of conservation," Duvall said. "It helps guide everything we do, and we expect that Pruitt will understand that in regulatory matters dealing with agriculture and the environment."

Lebanon Co. Dairy & Crops Compliance Day at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center

January 24, 2017 9:00 am - 3:15 pm Cost: \$10 thru Jan. 17 Walk-Ins Cost: \$15

Credits available
*Core & category

Trade Show & Exhibits (visit with vendors throughout the day)

Crop Contest

Please bring a sample from your farm.

****All samples need to be accompanied by a current Forage Analysis.****

Corn Silage
Small Grain Silage
Alfalfa Haylage
Dry Hay- alfalfa /grass no more than 10% grass
First Cutting Grass - hay no more than 10% legume

First prize will receive a \$25 VISA gift card.

Register Online at:

<http://extension.psu.edu/crops-days>

American Express, Discover, Master Card & Visa accepted.

After registering online,

If paying by check, please make payable to:

"PSCE Program Fund"

Mail checks to:
Penn State Extension Lebanon County
Dairy & Crops Compliance Day
2120 Cornwall Road
Lebanon, PA 17042

Phone registrations will be accepted M- F between 8:30AM - 4:30 PM at 717-270-4391

Directions:

GPS Address: Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds
80 Rocherty Rd
Lebanon, PA 17042

From the Turnpike

Get off at Exit 266 - Lebanon/Lancaster Rt. 72 N.

Drive 5.5 miles to the intersection of Quentin Rd. (Rt. 72 and Rocherty Rd.)

Turn right.

Go to the traffic light at Cornwall Rd.

Go Straight through the light.

Turn at first right onto Expo Driveway.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m.	Registration - PSU Master Gardeners AND Bacon and sausage sponsored by Fulton Bank				
9:00 a.m.	2017 Weather Outlook - Kyle Imhoff - Penn State Ag Meteorology				
Break-Out Sessions	Nutrient Management CENTER HALL	Pesticide Credit Core NORTH HALL	Pesticide Credit Category SWINE BARN	Dairy Forum DAIRY BARN	Silage & Forage Management POULTRY & RABBIT BARN
9:30 a.m.	Manure Management Manual Lynette Gelsinger	Sprayer Calibration Andrew Frankenfield	What's New in Insecticides? Dr. Liz Bosak	Euthanizing Dairy Cows Correctly Ernest Hovingh	Double Crop Soybean Considerations Giovani Stefani Faé
10:15 a.m.	Winter & Spring Manure Application Lynette Gelsinger	Pesticides and Human Health John Rowehl	What's New in Herbicides to Manage Marestalk & Palmer Amaranth John Bray	Creating a Healthy, Comfortable Space for Calves Dan McFarland	Capital Region Industry Corn Test Plot Results
11:00 a.m.	Sulfur in Crops John Rowehl	PDA Updates Len Brylewski	What's New in Fungicides? Dr. Allysa Collins	Drinking Water & Dairy Cows John Tyson	Capital Region Small Grain Test Plot Results
11:45 a.m.	Recognizing K Deficiency Del Voight	Calibration of Electronic Controllers Messicks - Tom Wagner	Using the Agronomy Guide for Pesticide Selection Andrew Frankenfield	Veterinarian Directive Duane Nolt	Penn State Capital Region Soybean Trial Results
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH				
1:15 p.m.	PA State Police - Safe Transport of Pesticides and Farm Commodities				
2:00 p.m.	At Planting Time Fertilization Doug Beegle	Spray Nozzle Update John Deere	Fumigation Update (Cat. 13, 20, 21) John Bray	In with the New - Are New Facilities Feasible? Dan McFarland	Cover Crop Update Jeff Graybill
2:45 p.m.	Diagnosing Nutrient Problems Doug Beegle	What is an SDS? Andrew Frankenfield	What Pesticides Are On Your Seed? Del Voight	Veterinarian Directive Duane Nolt	Updates on the Grazing of Forages Matt Bomgardner
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn				

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