



Montgomery County Farm Bureau **FB**
County Messenger

January 2012

**A Message from President Shaffer:
 Celebrating Food Check-Out Day**

The Holidays are a time to celebrate with friends and family, but also a time to reflect on those who are less fortunate. On February 21, 2012, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau will be doing their part to help those in need by celebrating Food Check-Out Day. For the 14th consecutive year, PFB is marking Food Check-Out Day by making deliveries of food, cash and other contributions to Pennsylvania's five Ronald McDonald Houses in Danville, Hershey, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton. Pennsylvania farm families donated more than \$61,000 to the five Ronald McDonald Houses last year. The Food Check-Out Day program was initiated by PFB's State Women's Leadership Committee in 1998. Since then, Pennsylvania farmers have collected more than \$700,000 in food, cash and other donations through 2011.

PFB is very proud of these efforts, for the Ronald McDonald Houses provide a home away from home for families with seriously ill children receiving medical treatment at area hospitals. The items collected by Farm Bureau are used to help care for visiting families staying at the houses. Farm families are thrilled to play a small role in helping out the families who utilize these houses, which provide meaningful and compassionate assistance to families dealing with serious health issues. If you would like to get involved in Food Check-Out Day this year, please contact your John & Bonnie Caroff. We look forward to another great year and hope you can be part of our team!

Carl T. Shaffer

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau will be celebrating Food Check-out Day on February 21, 2012, as a means of recognizing that growing and raising wholesome food is a farmer's top goal. A contribution of food or funds to the event can be made by contacting John & Bonnie Caroff. The donated items will be presented to the Ronald McDonald House during a Food Check-out Day program on Monday, February 20, which will include local farm families. In our county the program will be held at 10 am at Freddy Hill Farms, Lansdale. Please come and join us for the event. Ronald McDonald will be there!



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All members are encouraged to participate, but reservations are necessary. Details for several regions will be available shortly. Check the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau website at www.pfb.com soon for times, locations and agendas for Farm Bureau Days in your area. For a reservation and information about whether there is a cost for the luncheon, contact your local Regional Organization Director.



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January 25, 2012

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