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Adams County Activity [□]

Local farmers working together

Welcome New Members: Marvin Kreider, Joe Kuhns, Kimberly Nugent, Heath Althoff, Amanda Fithian, Victoria Bell, David Widely, and Stephen Steele

Annual Meeting/ Picnic

Mark your calendar to attend the Adams County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting/Picnic to be held on **Sunday, August 21, 2022 starting at 1:00 pm**. We will once again be meeting at the York Springs Lions Club Pavilion at 406 Main Street, York Springs, PA. 17372. The meat (pulled pork) will be provided by member Andrew Reinecker. Please bring a covered dish for sides or desserts. Paper ware and water will also be provided. Bring other beverages if you wish. Cost will be \$5.00 to cover the cost of the meat.

Chicken Bar-B-Q

On June 4, 2022, the Adams County Farm Bureau held their first Chicken BBQ sale at the South Mountain Fairgrounds during their 2nd Annual Craft Show and Flea Market. We had approximately 100 dinners pre-sold. Total count is not in yet but we raised roughly \$500.00 for the scholarship fund. If you are interested in helping with any fundraisers, please let a board member know of your interest. The more people we have, the better.

Cookbook

301-678-9226

ROD Ken Sechrist

717-409-9170

Calendar of Events

July

4-Independence Day

7- Board Meeting

11-15- New member sign-up week

27- Legislative Update

August

4- Board Meeting

9-11- Ag Progress Days

21- Annual Meeting/Picnic

September

1-Board Meeting

5-Labor Day

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And speaking of fundraisers, we did not get enough participation to publish the ACFB Cookbook. So, you still have time to submit and share those delicious recipes in your recipe library. There are two ways to submit. You can email them to Deb Stock at edstock1005@yahoo.com or Debbie Widerman at nursebunky@yahoo.com or you can go straight to typensave.com. The Account#: T317310 and use password: rosemary345. If you have any questions, feel free to call Deb Stock @ 717-624-2592. We are hoping to have many different recipes and contributors by October so the books can be sold for Christmas.

The monthly board meeting will be held on July 7, August 4, and September 1 at the Ag Center in Gettysburg,

Looking for a few good policies

One of Farm Bureau's most important activities is policy development. Members of each county Farm Bureau submit ideas and suggestions regarding issues that affect the farming community. These ideas are written as resolutions and voted on at the county annual meeting in November. Topics cover a wide range of ag issues including wetland management, wild game, commodities, animal health, vehicles, health and safety, taxes and water quality. If an issue involves ag in any way, it can be developed for policy.

After the county meeting, voting delegates from each county attend the state annual meeting and decide by majority vote which resolutions will be adopted as Pennsylvania Farm Bureau policy. While policies are not laws, they're supported legislatively by Farm Bureau at either the state or national level.

Ideas, issues and topics can be submitted at any time of the year via anyone on the county Farm Bureau board of directors or to policy chair Sally Scholle at 717-359-9472.

July is the start of the 2023 membership drive

Farm Bureau affects so many areas besides crop and livestock farmers. The policies that are passed and brought to the attention of the Pennsylvania legislators affect so many people from wineries, horse owners, to produce owners and sellers to commodity companies. If you know someone that isn't but should be a member, ask them to join, Farm Bureau is there to help all of the agricultural community. Renewal notices will be going out soon, so remember to renew your membership and check with your neighbor to see if they renewed their membership or would like to become a member.

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Farming is a profession
of hope.

Brian Brett

The most wasted of all
days is one without
laughter.

There is an opening for a Board Member. If you are interested in sitting on the Board, contact President Brian Davis at 717-528-4485.

President Brian Davis has been ask to be on the nominating committee to nominate candidates for Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President position.

Let's welcome our new ROD, Ken Sechrist

For those who I have not met, I look forward to meeting each of you. Just a little history on myself. I come from Red Lion York County and I was heavily involved with my FFA and Ag department in school. I went straight into a manufacturing position and remained in manufacturing for 41 years, yes I'm old! I spent 25 years at Pfaltzgraff Pottery until operations moved to China. I was 11 years at Pennwood Products, a wood molding company. I spent my last four years as a Plant Manager in a powder coating company in York where we made a lot of Harley Davidson parts. My wife Lisa and I reside in Wellsville, northern York County and have three sons and four grandkids. I am excited to get back to my agriculture roots and look forward to helping us all in our mission to assist and improve our farming community.

From the State

Pennsylvania Records 17th Case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza on June 2
A 17th case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza was reported on Thursday, June 2nd, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The 17th case came from a commercial duck meat bird operation in Berks County with 30,100 birds.

As of June 2, Pennsylvania has had 4.22 million affected birds between commercial flocks in Lancaster and Berks counties and there are 349 confirmed cases in 38 states. The total number of affected birds in the U.S. is 37.5 million.

All of the affected premises have been quarantined through orders of special quarantine and all of the birds have been depopulated and composted on site. In addition, all commercial poultry facilities within a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) radius of the infected premises became part of a "control zone" within which all poultry and associated material are subject to permitting for any movement as well as other extensive restrictions. USDA APHIS continues to maintain its publicly available HPAI 2022 Confirmed Detections database for domestic poultry and accompanying map. Nationally, Iowa leads the nation with 15 commercial flocks/premises confirmed and an additional four backyard flocks to be infected with a depopulation of more than 13 million birds. To stay up to date with the latest news and information on highly pathogenic avian influenza including cases, control zones and biosecurity requirements, visit the PFB website at

<https://pfb.com/biosecurity-is-key-in-preventing-avian-influenza-spread/>.

Sign Up to Be Counted in the 2022 Census of Agriculture

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is encouraging farmers to sign up to participate in the 2022 Census of Agriculture this summer.

Life on the farm is a school of patience; you can't hurry the crops or make an ox in two days.

Henri Alain

If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things.

Albert Einstein

The farmer has to be an optimist or he/she wouldn't still be a farmer

Will Rogers

The story of family farming underscores a legacy of sustainability

Amanda Zaluckyj

Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle.

Napoleon Hill

A good farmer is nothing more or less than a handyman with a sense of humor.

E. B. White

All farmers and ranchers – whether rural or urban – that grow fruit, vegetables or animals count if \$1,000 or more of such products were raised and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the Census year.

The Census of Agriculture, taken once every five years, looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices income and expenditures for farmers.

The last day to sign up for the 2022 Ag Census is June 30, 2022. If you have never received a census and are new to NASS surveys, you can sign up online at <https://www.agcounts.usda.gov/static/get-counted.html>.

The census will be mailed out in November of this year with a response deadline of February 2023. The results of the census will be revealed in the Spring or Summer of 2024.

USDA Bay Partnership Initiative to Benefit Pennsylvania Farmers

The United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced last week that it will invest an additional \$22.5 million in conservation assistance in 2022 to help farmers boost water quality improvements and conservation in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The new Chesapeake Bay States' Partnership Initiative will support Bay-area farmers, building on a \$1.1 billion investment made by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service over the past decade. USDA is also announcing a new task force -- jointly with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) -- to better quantify the voluntary conservation efforts of farmers in the bay watershed.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will prioritize support of practices that reduce nitrogen and sediment, improve management of livestock and waste, and conserve wetlands, all of which align with the bay's water quality objectives to reduce nutrient loading, restore wetlands and install riparian buffers.

Practices include riparian buffers, cover crops, waste storage facilities, and prescribed grazing among others. This funding will allow states to respond to the high demand from bay area farmers for additional conservation support, as well as Farm Service Agency to identify needs and opportunities for buffer management on acres that may be coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program.

PFB State & Local Affairs Specialist Kyle Kotzmoyer Urges Members to Get Involved in Policy Development

As we embark on another summer of the policy development process, I'm reminded of how little some of our members know about the grassroots process through which PFB policy comes to life. With over 30,000 members statewide it wouldn't be unusual for a large portion of our membership to be in the dark on the foundation of our advocacy efforts.

At the core of any grassroots membership organization are the members. And a grassroots organization can only be successful if its members water the grass. As your new State & Local Affairs Specialist I'm putting out a call for all of you to become more involved in the policy development process this summer.

If you're already a policy development veteran, then get your neighbor or daughter or farmhand involved. Good policy stems from good ideas – ideas that may be beyond the scope of what you're familiar with. Getting more members involved leads to more knowledge, input, and education for all of us.

In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.

Albert Einstein

When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of human civilization.

Daniel Webster

Strong communities are built around local, real food. Food we trust to nourish our bodies, the farmer and planet.

Kimbal Musk

Involving new individuals in the process may uncover a problem that many of us didn't know existed.

When decades long Farm Bureau members call in and have no idea of how our PD process works, we should all feel a slight bit of shame. Somewhere along the way we missed the mark, but together we can only get better. It takes many voices to grow and unite our communities – don't let your voice be silent.



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