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| *ACFB* | Adams County Farm Bureau Newsletter |
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| In This Issue   * Annual Meeting/Picnic * Cookbook * Membership * From the State * Board of Directors   Brian Davis  President 717-528-4485  Debra Stock - Secretary /Treasurer- 717-624-2592  Sally Scholle First Vice -President 717-359-9472  Earl Stock Second Vice- President 717-476-5920  Brock Widerman 717-752-5402  Robert Niner 717-334-1937  Bob Clowney 717-334-7269    Frank Penning 717-465-8115  Gene Moose  717-334-5684  Amy Welker  717-580-0562  Margaret Barra  717-624-3899  District 9 Director  Rick Leese  301-678-9226    ROD Ken Sechrist  717-409-9170    Calendar of Events  January  1-New Year’s Day  5- Board Meeting  7-14 PA Farm Show  10-12 Keystone Farm Show  16- Martin Luther King Day  February  2- Board Meeting  2- Ground Hog Day  4-5 YAP State Conference  6-9- Winter Ag Workshop  14- Valentine’s Day  22- Ash Wednesday  March  2- Board Meeting  3-6- AFBF Fusion Conference  10- Region 3 Farm Bureau Days  12- Daylight Savings  13-17- Ag Literacy Week  17- St. Patrick’s Day  Service Provider  Quick Reference  Nationwide Insurance Providers  Pabody Insurance  Larry Blount  147 N. 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William James    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  I  n 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 | Local News First!  Adams County Activity  Adams County’s  SAFEMARK DEALER  John J. Hess  200 Tall Oaks Road  Gettysburg, PA. 17325  717-334-8553  Local farmers working together  Welcome New Members: Amanda Lee-Milner, Samuel Shea, Rhianna White, Ellie Widerman, Alicia Kolber, Rebekah Stoner, Charles Davis, Hannah Grim Miller, Harvey Lee, Eric Moore, Eric Thomas, Joshua Newman, Ag Choice Farm Credit, Mark Rice, and Timothy Anderson  *Spring Meeting*  Mark your caledar now so you don’t forget…… The Adams County Farm Bureau Spring Meeting will be held **Thursday March 30, 2023**. It will be held once again at the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church in Hunterstown at 174 Red Bridge Rd, Gettysburg, PA. 17325 With the Hunterstown Ruratin Club providing the meal. Social time will start at **6:00 pm. Cost is $20.00 per person, payable at the door.** The meal will consist of Roast Beef, Chicken, Gravy Mashed Potatoes, vegetables, and the Ruratin’s. Famous ice cream for dessert . A speaker is slated but details are not final yet.  There will be door prizes as well. Please RSVP to Deb Stock, [edstock1005@gmail.com](mailto:edstock1005@gmail.com) or 717-476-5921 to reserve your seat by March 24,2023. Don’t wait, you can call as soon as you get this.  Scholarship is Available  Do you know a high scool senior or college student in need of money? If that student is majoring in a field pertaining to agriculture, they might be elegible for a $1000.00 scholarship.Their parents or gaudians need to be a Farm Bureau member or they themselves can join, (if they are 18 or older). Applications can be found at adamscountyfarmbureau.com. Click on the county news tab and it is there. Or you may contact Deb Stock at edstock1005@gmail.com.    The monthly board meeting will be held on January 5, February 2, and March 3 at the Ag Center in Gettysburg, PA  **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.  **Remember to Renew your Membership**  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.  **There are two openings for a Board Member. If you are interested in sitting on the Board, contact President Brian Davis at 717-528-4485.**  The Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance (PANTA) hosts a meeting each winter focused on no-till production, cover crops and soil quality. Also each winter, the Adams County Conservation District (ACCD) hosts a meeting on soil quality. This year the organizations are joining forces. The PANTA/ACCD Annual Soil Quality Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31 st from 8 am until 4pm at the Southern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services (SAVES) banquet hall near McSherrystown. This daylong meeting, discussion, and networking event will educate farmers on the importance of soil quality and provide production practice ideas that they can adopt to improve their soil and overall farm operations.  This year’s meeting features Walton, Indiana farmer Cameron Mills. Cameron and his family operate a nearly 4000-acre diversified farming operation where no-till planting and cover crops are used to  improve the quality of his soil. He will discuss his operation and how he manages his soil hoping to continually improve it. There will be a host of other speakers as well with topics to include cover crop  establishment, carbon sequestration, advanced nitrogen management, variable rate technology, diversifying crop rotation, and planting green.  Joining the event are some key government and private industry personnel to discuss opportunities to aid farmers in making some of the changes necessary to implement these practices. Several companies from the agricultural industry in the area will also be on hand to provide farmers the opportunity to learn about their services and what they can offer. And there will be plenty of time for farmers to talk and share ideas with one another. The event is free-of-charge if pre-registered by January 23 rd .  Lunch is  being provided through the generosity of vendors and sponsors. There are a couple of ways to register for the event online by going to Panotill.org or Adams County’s website, or by calling ACCD at 717-334-0636.  So, plan on joining us on Tuesday, January 31 st at 8 am at the SAVES banquet hall, 5865 Hanover Road,  Hanover PA 17331. Brian Sneeringer is the Agricultural Conservation Supervisor with the Adams County Conservation District.  **From the State**  **Hoffman Elected as PFB’s Ninth President**  HERSHEY – Juniata County farmer Chris Hoffman has been elected as the ninth President of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) by voting delegates at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the state’s largest farm organization. Hoffman served as the vice president for the past eight years.  “As an organization we are called to be the leader in agriculture and I am excited about what the future has in store for all of us,” President elect Hoffman said. “I know that we need to be united, we need to work hard to identify the problems, and we need to communicate. We need to come together as a unified voice to make this Farm Bureau do the impossible.”  Hoffman has been heavily involved with Farm Bureau over the past 28 years, serving on PFB’s State Board of Directors for 11 years and as a member of the board’s Executive Committee.  As Vice President, Hoffman was responsible for chairing PFB’s policy development process, where farmers recommend solutions to benefit agriculture and rural communities.  He currently chairs the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau State Agriculture Promotion Committee, which focuses on raising money for the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation and encouraging county-level events that promote consumer awareness of agriculture. Hoffman also previously served for four years as chair of the American Farm Bureau Federation’s Promotion and Education Committee. He was named America’s Pig Farmer of the Year by the National Pork Board in 2019.  “I look forward to being a part of all of us working together to drive us into the future that people want to be a part of this organization. I want to be the organization that people look to when they have questions and one that farmers need every day. I am humbled, I am honored, and I look forward to working with each member and the committees. Thank you for this opportunity and I will do everything that I can to move this organization forward.”  Hoffman also serves as a member of the Penn State Board of Trustees and is involved in other agricultural organizations.  Hundreds of farmers from across the state attended Pennsylvania Farm Bureau’s 72nd Annual Meeting at the Hershey Lodge from November 14-16, to set policy for the statewide organization on issues affecting farm and rural families.  **Nagle Elected as PFB Vice President**  CAMP HILL – Cambria County beef and crop farmer Tommy Nagle was elected as the Vice President of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) by the state board of directors on Wednesday after the position was vacated by Chris Hoffman, who is now serving as PFB President.  “I’m looking forward to working very closely with PFB President Hoffman and his visions for Farm Bureau as far as uniting members and expanding our membership base,” Nagle said. “I’m also looking forward to looking for some different avenues to inform our consumers.”  Nagle has been heavily involved with Farm Bureau for more than a decade, serving as a member of PFB’s state board of directors, representing District 12, which consists of Cambria, Clearfield and Indiana counties for the last three years.  In 2013, Nagle and his wife Tracy won PFB’s Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award. Nagle raises beef cattle and grows crops on his family farm in Patton, Cambria County.  As Vice President, Nagle is responsible for chairing PFB’s policy development process, where farmers recommend solutions to benefit agriculture and rural communities. Nagle held numerous positions on the Cambria County Farm Bureau Board of Directors since 2011, including time as president, vice president, policy development chair, and Young Ag Professionals chair.  “I’m excited that Tommy was elected as the Vice President,” PFB President Chris Hoffman said. “I’m looking forward to working with him as we look to advance Farm Bureau policy and as we work together to create positive things for our members. Tommy brings a lot of knowledge from many different sectors of agriculture to the Vice Presidency. Together we will make a great team.”   |  | | --- | | PDA has announced that Round Three is open now for eligible losses in the second event of HPAI this year. PDA is allowing integrators who, in good faith, provide growers income during the period (beginning of HPAI) of no revenue to be eligible for reimbursement.    Round Three Guidelines  Eligible expenses for poultry farmers (F), poultry integrators (I), and business (B) include:  · Loss of income. (F, I, B)  · Payroll costs, costs related to the continuation of group health care benefits during periods of paid sick, medical or family leave, and health insurance premiums. (I, B)  · Mortgage interest payments. (F, B)  · Rent payments. (F, B)  · Utility payments. (F, B)  · Working capital for the purpose of covering costs of re-opening farming operations after being fully or partially closed due to the state or federally mandated quarantine period. (I)    How to Apply  The application asks for a copy of an IRS Form 1040 for the most recent tax filing year or any related itemized invoices, bills, or receipts, as appropriate to document loss.    Applications for Round One are closed as of September 10, 2022.  Applications for Round Two are closed as of October 8, 2022.  Applications for Round Three are open until January 15, 2023.  **Farm Bureau Members and Staff Chosen for State Advisory Panel Roles, Governor-Elect’s Transition Team**  Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members and staff regularly participate on state advisory boards and commissions, as well as other groups formed to provide advice and counsel to state officials. On Dec. 1, Farm Bureau President Chris Hoffman and Dairy Committee member Glenn Stoltzfus joined the Pennsylvania Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission (AHDC).  ﻿The AHDC includes six farmers among its membership and serves to facilitate an integrated approach to the diagnosis and investigation of disease in farm animals, as well as to allow planned interventions in disease outbreaks rather than crisis interventions. The AHDC meets six times annually.  Farm Bureau Environmental Specialist Grant Gulibon was recently elected to chair the DEP Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) for 2023. The AAB provides advice and expertise to the DEP Secretary regarding the nature of agriculture in the Commonwealth. The board also reviews and provides comment on DEP policies, rules, and regulations which have an impact or a potential impact on agriculture or the agricultural community.  Finally, Farm Bureau Manager of Government Affairs and Communications Justin Clapper was recently appointed to Governor-elect Josh Shapiro’s Economic Development transition team. He will be serving on the Rural/Agriculture subcommittee and providing perspective to the new administration on ways to grow agriculture in Pennsylvania and improve rural quality of life. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |   **PA Game Commission Applauds Change in Law for Antlerless License Sales**  The way hunters apply for Pennsylvania antlerless deer licenses is about to change for the first time in decades.  Senate Bill 431, which would allow hunters to buy antlerless licenses through the HuntFishPA automated licensing service, was signed into law this week. When it takes effect with the 2023-24 license year, antlerless licenses will be available for purchase online or in person at any license issuing agent.  PFB is in favor of the legislation aimed at making it easier to purchase an antlerless license when you purchase an antlered license.  The Game Commission, hunting organizations including the National Deer Association, Pennsylvania Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists, the United Bowhunters of Pennsylvania and others, and everyday hunters supported the bill, championing it as the final step to fully modernizing license sales.  Until now, hunters applied for antlerless licenses via mail, sending those familiar pink envelopes to county treasurers, the only entity permitted to sell them. They had to do so according to a set schedule, with various deadlines based on state residency and rounds of sales, using a self-addressed stamped envelope and paper checks, something increasingly foreign to some hunters.  There were, in short, a lot of variables in play, and that occasionally led to problems with hunters getting licenses or not.  Given all that, the pink envelope system was seen by many as a barrier to hunting participation, especially when it comes to recruiting new hunters. Allowing for antlerless license sales through HuntFishPA will address those issues.  Prior to the start of next license year, the Game Commission will notify hunters on the process for applying for an antlerless license under the new system. |
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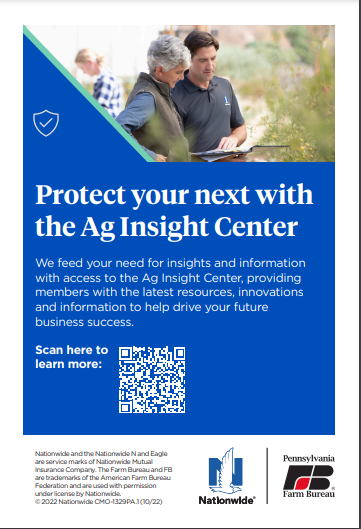
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