



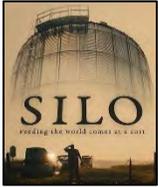
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“SILO” Movie Showing on March 27

SILO, the first-ever feature film about a Grain Entrapment, will be shown on Friday, March 27 at the Octorara Area High School Auditorium, located at 228 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310.

Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau is hosting a viewing of the film SILO because we acknowledge the risk that farmers take in their daily lives. The movie will reinforce that taking safety precautions is worth the hassle.

Inspired by true events, the movie follows a harrowing day in an American farm town. Disaster strikes when teenager Cody Rose is entrapped in a 50-foot-tall grain bin. When the corn turns to quicksand, family, neighbors and first responders must put aside their differences to rescue Cody from drowning in the crop that has sustained their community for generations.

Tickets are \$5. Purchase online at: cdcfb.ticketleap.com/silo
Doors open @ 6:30 p.m.; the Movie begins @ 7 p.m.



Message from CDCFB President Daniel Miller

I hope you and your family had wonderful holidays! Hopefully you were able to find time to spend with family and friends. Family is what it’s all about in many farmers’ lives.

Most people aren’t so lucky as to be able to choose to work with their family members on a daily basis. As has been said many times and I know it to be true – “Farming is not a job – it is a way of life.” Few people outside of agriculture understand this fact but those of us who have lived it certainly understand it.

2019 proved to be a relatively good year for crops in Chester and Delaware Counties – something we are very grateful for after the struggles of the 2018 growing season. Hopefully, weather patterns in 2020 will provide for another good growing season for everyone involved in agriculture.

In any organization it is the people who make the whole thing work. CDCFB is dependent upon its members to carry out the goals of the organization, which in very real terms are your goals. Members set the goals of the organization through the policy development process where each member can have his or her ideas and concerns incorporated into the organization’s goals.

Thank you for your membership in our organization! Without having you and the hundreds of others like you as members, we would not be able to help the 4-H clubs and FFA chapters with their programs. We would not be able to attend many events around the county to educate the public about agriculture.

Nor would we be able to send representatives to West Chester, Harrisburg and Washington DC to advocate for farmers and rural communities. Scholarships to high school and college students engaging in Ag-related studies are an important part of our programming also. You make a big difference in your community and in agriculture! You can be very proud of being a member of Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau!

I would also like to thank the 13 other members of our board of directors for sharing their time and expertise to manage our organization. They receive no compensation and sometimes get little praise for their dedicated involvement in making our organization successful. Many thanks to our secretary, treasurer, regional organization director and district representative to the PA Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Hats off also to our many committee members who use their time and skills to make our county organization one of the most successful county farm bureaus in the state.

As a life-long member of the agricultural community, I truly appreciate those who dedicate their time in service to agriculture’s future. Dedicated people are the backbone of agriculture and agricultural organizations.

Thank you to all!

YOU are invited to attend the Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau Spring Banquet

Thursday, March 12, 2020
at 6 p.m.

at Chester County Intermediate Unit Center’s
Pennocks Bridge Technical College High School
located at
280 Pennocks Bridge Road, West Grove, PA 19390

Cost: \$20.

[The culinary students will be preparing the meal]

Guest Speaker: Chris Hoffman

Vice President of PA Farm Bureau and the
“2019 America’s Pig Farmer of the Year”

Banquet Reservations deadline: March 2nd

RSVP Today! 610-932-7363 or
chestercountyfarmbureau@gmail.com

Send checks (made payable to CDCFB) to:
Julie Brady, 425 Conner Road, Oxford, PA 19363

Name(s) _____

Number attending _____ Amount enclosed _____



Agriculture Scholarships Available

The Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau (CDCFB) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that scholarship grants of up to \$1,000 each toward higher education will be awarded in 2020.

High school seniors from Chester, Delaware and western Philadelphia County may apply for scholarships if pursuing a career in agriculture or an ag-related field.

Undergraduate college students from same counties as above who are pursuing a career in agriculture or an ag-related field may also apply. [Please note that previous CDCFB scholarship winners are not eligible to apply.]

Applications available at:

<https://www.pfb.com/countyfbs/county-fb-webpages/556-chesterdelaware> & ChesterCountyFarmBureau@gmail.com.

Students must file their grant application on or before **April 15, 2020**. Applications must be sent to: Charles Graydus, 1452 Elverson Road, Elverson, PA 19520



PA Farm Bureau State Legislative Conference on March 25

CDCFB Legislative Committee members, as well as others from across Pennsylvania will once again be visiting with their legislators in Harrisburg during the PA Farm Bureau's State Legislative Conference to be held at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, March 25.

Farm Bureau advocates for farmers and the rural community at the local, state, and national levels to ensure that farms and farmers are treated fairly and that their voices are heard. You can be a part of accomplishing our organization's legislative priorities by becoming involved in CDCFB's Legislative Committees.

These committees are beginning preparations for our State Legislative Conference which is an all-day event beginning with a breakfast briefing, followed by meetings with state senators and representatives for our county. Also, a legislative luncheon is held at noon that day.

Contact Julie Brady, Governmental Relations Director at 610-932-7363 or chestercountyfarmbureau@gmail.com for more details about attending this event or for more information about joining a county legislative committee.

Member participation is critical to ensuring that farm bureau's voice is heard by our legislators!

National Ag Day – March 24th

National Ag Day will be celebrated on March 24, 2020. It is a special day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

Many farm bureau members and others will be celebrating National Ag Week (March 22-28, 2020) by reading agricultural related books to school children through PA Farm Bureau's Ag Literacy Program. Readers feel appreciative when they see the excitement of the kids as they learn about agriculture and how it is relevant to them in their daily lives.



"Sheep and Wool Day" at Springton Manor

Chester County's annual Sheep and Wool Day will be held (rain or shine) on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Springton Manor Farm, 860 Springton Road, Glenmoore, PA. Springton Manor is a working demonstration farm operated by the Chester County Facilities and Parks.

There will be free admission and also free parking at the Springton Manor Elementary School closeby. Free busing will be provided. Handicap parking will be available at the Farm.

This popular event features sheep shearing throughout the day, spinning, weaving, knitting and crocheting demonstrations, soap making, wood milling, animal education programs, tractor displays, visiting the Family Farm Museum, etc.

Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau (CDCFB) sponsors the Mobile Ag Lab at the event. The Ag Lab actually includes hands-on science experiments in the Ag Science Lab.

CDCFB volunteers and FFA members, will also have a Food Wheel that children can spin and learn more about where their food comes from, and then receive a prize. Experts on Lyme disease will have an information booth where materials relating to Lyme disease can be acquired and questions answered.

Chester County 4-H Clubs will provide animal exhibits including ponies, milking goats, cows and swine. Chester County Animal Response Team will demonstrate how they prepare for emergencies and disasters affecting animals. The Chester County Library will have game and giveaways for the children.

Take a wagon ride through the scenic 300 acres and help support the Friends of Springton Manor Farm. They are dedicated to recreation, education, conservation and preservation of the Farm and will share information about volunteering at the park.

Bring the entire family for a fun-filled day!



Dinner to Celebrate Farmer Legislators

PA Farm Bureau's political action committee, FARMER, invites you to their 40th annual statewide event which is a celebration of farmer lawmakers! The dinner will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton on Tuesday, March 24th with a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.

The keynote speaker is Mike Turzai, speaker of the PA House of Representatives, along with past PFB President Keith Eckel and former state PA Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes who will help us honor the men and women who came from the farm to work in Harrisburg.

As FARMER celebrates the 40th year of its annual dinner, we want to give thanks to these farmer leaders who have made such an incredible impact on the agriculture industry. Don't miss this special evening honoring our farmers in Harrisburg!

RSVP by March 17th by emailing govcom@pfb.com or by phone 717.761.2740 and asking for Ginny Keever. Tickets are \$150 for one person or \$250 for two people. Larger sponsorship packages are also available.



Friday, May 8th
Ladies (and Gents) Day Out
... more details later

Kudos to our Members . . .



. . . Scott Davis, vice-president of Octorara High School's FFA chapter, was the first student ever at Octorara High School to receive an FFA Keystone Degree during his junior year.

Recipients of this state FFA award had to demonstrate their leadership skills, have a minimum of 25 hours of community service, and work at least 300 hours or invest at least \$1,000 in their supervised agricultural experience (SAE) project. Scott's SAE projects included raising tilapia and trout, and working on a local farm.

. . . County 4-H, FFA and local business' winners at the 2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show. You all make us proud to be involved with agriculture and "Farm Bureau Proud!"

. . . Kathi Cozzone and Terence Farrell for their many years of service as Chester County Commissioners and for their support of agriculture and the farming community in Chester County.

. . . Carolyn Comitta (PA Representative) was recently named the 2019 Citizen of the Year by the West Chester Chamber of Commerce? This award is based on being actively involved in the community through various avenues such as civic, neighborhood and military associations, service and military organizations, church, school participation, etc. Comitta served two terms as the Mayor of West Chester, and she was a member of Borough Council, the National League of Cities and PA Municipal League.

. . . Harold Hallman III was recently sworn in (with his mother, Cynthia holding the Bible) as a new Supervisor in West Pikeland Township, Chester County. He is looking forward to working with his fellow Supervisors and being a voice for agriculture.



Harold is on the CDCFB Board of Directors where he also serves as the Environmental Coordinator as well as a member of the CDCFB Legislative and Membership Committees.

How Horses Have Shaped Our County



CDCFB's Equine Committee has created and distributed a rack card entitled *Contribution of the Equine Industry to the Economy of South-eastern Pennsylvania*.

The information collected, with research prepared by Delaware Valley University, found that the average annual cost to care for a horse was just over \$10,000. Virtually all the necessary services to feed, house and care for these horses are supplied by local professionals and businesses. Even horse by-products have value. Local mushroom producers in Kennett Square are glad to take the horse manure, which is a valuable component of mushroom compost.

Overall, the study data shows that horse owners spend about \$546.2 million on goods and services in the 10 county region of S.E. Pennsylvania and supports 6,556 jobs in all sectors of the local rural economy. This does not even fully account for the economic impact of equine event spectators and out-of-state participants, which has yet to be fully measured.

The equine industry brings value to our region in so many ways – recreational and competitive horse riding, maintaining our desired rural environment, preserving farmland and contributing significantly to the broader local economy. Horses are an important part of Chester County's past and perhaps an even more critical role in our county's future.

– by Duncan Allison



Tractor and Farm Safety Course

A Tractor and Farm Safety Course will be offered at Octorara High School, Vo-Ag room T-13, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21. The course is sponsored by Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau; thus there will be no charge.

This eight-day Safety Course, taught by Charles Graydus, is designed to give young people 24 hours of training, both during the class and at home, in safe operation of farm tractors as well as some other farm machinery. If you are between the ages of 14 and 16 and wish to work on a farm other than your parents' farm, you are required to have a certification showing that you completed this course.

For more information and to sign up for this course, please contact Charles Graydus at: cgraydus@octorara.org

Attention Children and Youth: It's Time for 2020 Safety Contests



"Be Safe, Don't Pass" is the theme for the 2020 Safety Contests (for Pennsylvania residents) sponsored by Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee. [First-place winning entries at the county level will be judged with the other first-place winners from across the state.]

The Safety Coloring Contest is for children ages 4–6. (Only the provided coloring page will be accepted). Entries will be judged on neatness, appropriateness of coloring, appearance and coloring within the lines. You can download the contest coloring page at: www.pfb.com/safetycontests. County first-prize award is \$25; second prize: \$15.

The Safety Poster Drawing Contest has prizes awarded in two age categories: ages 7–9 and ages 10–12. County awards are: first prize: \$40; second prize: \$25.

The Safety Photo Contest will have prizes awarded in two categories: ages 13–15 and ages 16–18. County first prize award: \$50; second prize: \$25. (A signed photo release is required.)

The following information must be included on back of all entries for each contest to be considered eligible: child's name, address, phone number, home county, age category, and parents' names. You can download information, including contest rules at: www.pfb.com/safetycontests. If you have any questions, call Betty Sharon at 610-255-5418.

Deadline is May 15. Please send entries to: Betty Sharon, 1733 Flint Hill Road, Landenberg, PA 19350.



Mushrooms May Help Prevent Cancer

The antioxidant content in mushrooms may help prevent lung, prostate, breast, and other types of cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute. Some sources have suggested that selenium may help prevent cancer, but a 2017 Cochrane review found no evidence to confirm this.

Mushrooms also contain a small amount of vitamin D. There is some evidence that vitamin D supplementation may help prevent or treat some kinds of cancer, though according to a 2018 report, the effect may vary from person to person.

Choline is another antioxidant in mushrooms. Some studies have suggested that consuming choline can reduce the risk of some types of cancer, but at least one other study has indicated that it may increase the risk of prostate cancer.

It is worth noting that consuming a nutrient as a supplement is not the same as consuming it in the diet.



Update on DE County 4-H Tornado/Disaster Relief Effort

As you may have heard, on October 31, 2019 the Delaware County 4-H Cooperative Farm was hit by an EF-2 Tornado destroying multiple animal run-in shelters and our perimeter fence. Our sheep, ram, and steer barns, in addition to the 250-year-old Bank Barn we use for Club meetings, all suffered significant structural damage. Most of our sheds and barns were in the path of the tornado itself and/or within the radius of the tornado winds, causing residual damage throughout the property and pastures.

Due to the damage and uncertainty of the structural integrity of the barns, our 4-H members are not able to access certain parts of the property. Early December, Garrett Williamson (the property owner) received an official report from the structural engineer deeming the entire barn-property unsafe.

Thankfully, no animals were harmed! And, none perished during the storm! This time of the year is “slow” for our program, with only horses, alpacas, pregnant ewes and replacement lambs, and dairy yearlings remaining on the property.

The best way to describe the extent of the damage – a bullet wound! The large garage door entry way into the top part of the Bank Barn was sucked through the entire barn, whipping around the building and throwing beams off the joists and ripping the door out the back side of the property.

The Sheep Barn, where we host not only our Summer Fair, but also lambing and most of our Club’s chore stands, looks as if the roof was lifted off the walls and set back down, cracking the cement all the way around the building. All but two glass windows were blown out as well. A large shade tree in the main barnyard fell on our Pig Pen, damaging the fence/gates, and roof. The Steer Barn, also looks as if the roof was lifted off the original rock foundation, causing a crack the entire way around the building. Additionally, several roofing panels also blew off in the storm. So, while some areas of the property look okay from the outside, there is extensive structural damage.

We have rented three 8’x8’x40’ tractor-trailers, which serve as interim storage for hay, straw, and chore equipment. We hosted a work session and almost 30 Volunteer Leaders showed up to help us move over 200 bales of hay and straw from the loft into the trailers! Lifeline Ministry and the Williamson Trade School – Horticulture Program assisted with the removal of debris, breaking down the remaining run-in sheds, removing tree/branches, and other barn pieces from the pastures.

Our pregnant ewes have been temporarily housed at Muddy Ruts Farm in Chadds Ford. Judi Wilson has graciously offered her property to the Sheep Club, which has also allowed our Sheep Club members to continue conducting chores and being a part of the Lambing process.

Our Alpacas, Dairy Cow and Calf, Horses, and replacement lambs have been moved into what we call “New Pasture” ensuring they are a safe distance from the buildings. With the animals now located in this area, 4-H members have been able to resume chores! A BIG THANK YOU to our Volunteer Leaders for taking on the daily chores in the immediate days after the storm.

We have purchased two 10’x12’ run-in sheds to be used by the alpacas, replacement lambs, and dairy cow and calf who remain on the property. We have also secured a 12’x24’ metal run-in shed to be used in case of severe weather. The perimeter fence has been repaired and electric restored. We are still accepting both tax-deductible monetary and in-kind donations as current repairs and purchases have totaled over \$20,000.

Working with Garrett Williamson, we will be looking to see if we can again host both our 4-H Poultry and Swine projects, housing them in an alternative but safe area on the property.

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DE County 4-H Update

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We will again be leasing dairy calves with the only project not taking place this year being the steers. However, our clubs continue to meet, ensuring the health and safety of our animals!

Additionally, our Swarthmore Trailblazers, Teen Council, Archery, Bee, Sewing, and Computer Science Clubs continue to meet (at locations throughout the county) with our Air Rifle club on track to start this spring! Some of our clubs have even met together, like our Sewing and Sheep Club, working together to make “Lambie Jammies” (see photo below).



Photo: The Delco 4-H Sewing Club teaches Sheep Club members how to make “Lambie Jammies” as part of the Breeding Sheep project.

DE County 4-H is thankful for the Montgomery County 4-H program who will be hosting us for the 2020 Summer Fair! We are still working through the logistics but are grateful to their support and accommodations at this time.

While the Delaware County 4-H Cooperative Farm suffered significant damage, disrupting not only our animals and members but also our Clubs and overall program, our members and Volunteer Leaders continue to demonstrate the 4-H motto, as they Learn by Doing to ensure the safety of the animals and success of their projects. These youth members truly are Leaders, striving to Make the Best Better!

– Delaware County 4-H news items
contributed by Rebecca McCafferty, 4-H Educator
Contact info: 610-690-2655 or rjm93@psu.edu

Delaware County 4-H is Hiring!

We are looking for a part-time Horse Manager. The time commitment for this job would range from 5 to 15 hours a week, depending on the needs of the horses. This job is perfect for anyone looking for some extra cash, while also supporting our 4-H program!

We have four horses ranging in ages from mid-teens to early 30’s, one mare and three geldings. Responsibilities include arranging vet/farrier/dental visits, in addition to supporting our 4-H members care of the horses. This includes answering questions or concerns about the horses and any health concerns that arise. Must be available as needed and/or for emergencies.

The position can be found here: <https://psu.jobs/job/92181>



The 4-H Pledge: I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world. Head stands for decision making, planning, organizing, problem-solving and using knowledge throughout life.

The 2020 Census Data Strengthens Communities; Take Time to Fill It Out

Dear Agricultural Partner,

As a trusted voice within your community, we hope you will join us in spreading the message about how important it is for all people (including the Spanish-language speakers and ESL residents) in Chester County, to fill out the 2020 Census.

Please let immigrants know that their answers are completely confidential and will not be used against them. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share answers with anyone, including other government agencies.

Make sure everyone knows that the government uses the census data to strengthen communities and decide how to spend money for schools, playgrounds, roads, hospitals, housing, and other resources. The Census also funds programs such as food stamps, Head Start, school lunch programs, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

A countywide census Complete Count Committee (CCC) has been formed to encourage residents to participate in the census. The CCC is a group of volunteers who, at the local level, develop and implement a 2020 Census awareness campaign based upon their knowledge of the local community.

We have sample social media language to help you reach different groups of residents, including hard-to-count populations, as you do outreach leading up to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

In addition, to receive ESL and adult literacy material from a previous census that might be helpful, please click on the link: <https://www.census.gov/dmd/www/ESL.html>. You can receive more info on our webpage at: www.chesco.org/planning/cccc. Any questions, contact Jake Michael at jmichael@chesco.org or call 610-344-6285.

– Brian N. O'Leary, Executive Director
Chester County Planning Commission

"It's Milking Time" – Distributed to Elementary School Libraries



A children's book – *It's Milking Time* – will be donated to all the elementary school libraries in western Philadelphia County. This "2020 Farm-tastic Book" written by Phyllis Alsdurf generates much excitement among students by offering them the opportunity to learn about agriculture through the pages of the books.

As the sun sets over the fields, a little girl and her father begin the evening milking. They work side by side, fanning out beds of straw, bringing in the cows, and hooking up the milkers.

Soon they've filled milk can after milk can for the creamery truck that will arrive in the morning. The fresh dairy product isn't just for them—other families will buy their milk, butter, and cheese at stores and farmers' markets near and far, connecting the little girl's farm to the world beyond.

OABEST 2020

The annual Octorara Agriculture, Business, Environmental, Science & Technology) Expo, known as the OABEST Expo, will be held on May 30, 2020 from 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at the Octorara Junior-Senior High School campus.

The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with the Octorara Angels Color Run/Carbon Monoxide Awareness Event in memory of Octorara students Carly Imbierowicz and Daulton Pointek. Registration for the Run begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information on this event, visit www.cmiawareness.org.

More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Meet the 2020 Chester County Commissioners

The CDCFB Board of Directors have always worked closely with their Chester County Commissioners and look forward to continued interaction and support in the coming years.

The 2020 Chester County Commissioners pictured (left to right) are Michelle Kichline, Josh Maxwell and Marian Moskowitz.



Marian Moskowitz, Chair of the Commissioners, says "It is a great honor to serve as Chair; I thank my fellow commissioners – Josh Maxwell and Michelle Kichline – for their confidence in my leadership. I look forward to serving with them, providing excellent programs and services that benefit all Chester County citizens."

"This Board will work hard to ensure our residents remain safe and receive the services they need and deserve," Josh Maxwell said. "We will explore ways that county programs and services can run efficiently, effectively, and when necessary, expanded. I look forward to working with county residents, stakeholders, and staff as Vice Chair of the Board."

"It is my pleasure to begin my sixth year as Commissioner," Michele Kichline, the incumbent Commissioner said, "and I know that throughout 2020 we will work together as a Board to focus on the best interests of our residents, following the priorities and goals established in our Comprehensive Plan, Landscapes3, and our economic development strategy, VISTA 2025."

Special Thanks to Kathi Cozzone and Terence Farrell, former Chester County Commissioner, for their years of support and promotion of agriculture in our county.

Understanding the Challenges Our Food Providers Face

The majority of people in the U.S. and Canada know little or nothing about agriculture according to recent surveys. Yet this comes at a time when consumers can be easily influenced by adverse publicity often promulgated not only by some non-profit organizations with a particular agenda but also by the national press focusing on such topics as food safety incidents and the supposedly poor treatment of livestock.

The danger of this situation is that people can easily be misinformed and even convinced of inaccurate and misleading information – fake news.

We are members of farm bureau – the largest organization advocating for farmers – six million members across the whole country. Our full time staff in Washington DC, Harrisburg and in the eight regions of Pennsylvania work hard to ensure that legislation at all levels is fair to farmers and the rural population.

As members, whether active farmers or not, we also have a role to play by helping our friends and neighbors understand as much as possible about the reality of farming, its achievements and its challenges. We all need food and our food comes from farmers.

Farmers have had an extremely challenging few years particularly in 2019. They are at the mercy of the weather and very aware of the recent higher temperatures and often heavier rainfall events and more sustained hot and dry periods caused by climate change.

Many farm products are dependent on exports and at the mercy of national and global markets. This past year farmers have had to be reimbursed 16 billion dollars of government subsidies as a result of the trade wars with our three largest crop and livestock product markets – China, Mexico and Canada.

– by Duncan Allison



Did You Know. . .

- . . . that Rep. John Lawrence’s Dairy Bills passed with overwhelming support in the legislature recently? Both bills will help the state’s dairy industry to improve accountability and transparency on how state-mandated milk premium dollars are collected and paid.
- . . . that Pennsylvania ranks first in the U.S. in number of farms selling fresh food products directly to the consumer?
- . . . that PA Farm Bureau President Rick Ebert was re-elected to a two-year term on the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors?
- . . . that about 11% of U.S. farmers are serving or have served in the military?
- . . . that cattle and calves, corn, and soybeans are the top three U.S. farm products?
- . . . that the U.S. “Pig Farmer of the Year” – Chris Hoffman, who is also the PA Farm Bureau Vice President, is coming to our county to speak at our Spring Banquet? Don’t miss it!
- . . . that, even though they don’t milk cows or plant corn, nearly 900 Philadelphians have collected federal farm subsidies totaling \$3.2 million in the last 25 years?
- . . . that a new study from Penn State revealed that U.S. households waste about a third of the food they purchased every year?
- . . . that Chester County is one of only two counties in all of Pennsylvania with populations that are growing.

Dates to Remember:

- March 12: CDCFB Spring Banquet (details on Page 1)
- March 24: FARMER dinner celebration (page 2)
- March 25: PA Legislative Conference (page 2)
- March 27: SILO film viewing (page 1)
- April 15: Scholarship Applications deadline (page 2)
- May 2: Sheep & Wood Day (page 4)
- May 15: Safety Contests deadline (page 3)
- May 8: Ladies & Gents Day Out (page 2)
- May 30: OABEST Expo (page 5)
- July 12: CDCFB Summer Picnic, Penn Township Park

Welcome, New Members

- Jacalyn Auris, Conshohocken
- Sarah V. Cady (Mason Dairy Farm), Nottingham
- Richard Earl Cooper, West Grove
- Mary J. Curley, Downingtown
- John Emmons, Lincoln University
- Seth W. Hansen (Mason Dairy Farm), Nottingham
- Timothy Harris, Media
- John Hughes, Kennett Square
- Richard J. Kokoszka (Valley View Farm) Landenberg
- Tom McCaffrey, Coatesville
- P&F Mushroom LLC, Landenberg
- Louis P. Paolone, Jr., Philadelphia
- Kate Stanton, Birchrunville
- Johan Stoop, Kennett Square
- Joseph C. Tomaloff, Oxford
- Alexander Von Koch
- Peter Weygandt (Weygandt Farm LLC), Coatesville

Your Membership Dues Support Agriculture’s Future in Chester and Delaware Counties

Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau (CDCFB) is nearing our membership goal – needing only 65 more members to reach our Regular voting members Goal of 921. Thanks to those of you who have renewed, we are nearing our goal.

Thanks also to the CDCFB “Friend of Farm Bureau” members who have continued their membership. We very much appreciate your enthusiasm and support of agriculture. [There is strength in numbers and your membership was instrumental in CDCFB reaching over 6,500 total members in 2019.]

PA Farm Bureau president Rick Ebert has said: “Just as our work on the farm is necessary to feed and clothe the world, our advocacy off the farm is needed to secure agriculture’s future.”

“PA Farm Bureau’s advocacy in Harrisburg played a central role in securing \$19 million in new state funding for agriculture programs, establishing a beginning farmer tax credit, easing regulations on roadside farm stands, establishing a task force to help Pennsylvania’s dairy industry, etc.” Ebert added.

CDCFB’s outstanding membership totals really make a huge difference when talking with legislators about the number of members that our organization represents. The Friend of Farm Bureau members are most important and influential for our advocacy and outreach. Thank you for your support!

Important Information about Nationwide Insurance

If you are a Regular voting member, you will continue to receive the Nationwide discount on your personal auto policy as well as your farm policy.

The message below that was added to the PFB renewal invoice was only intended for Associate members:

“Nationwide’s discount eligibility will change effective January 1, 2020 for Associate members. Associate members will no longer be eligible for a discount on Nationwide Insurance policies. For Associate members whose personal auto policy renews on or after January 1, 2020, Nationwide will no longer apply the Farm Bureau discount. For more info on Nationwide’s auto insurance rates, contact your insurance broker or agent.”

Any questions, please contact the County Farm Bureau or the PFB State office.

- Margie Chase, Nationwide Insurance
Sponsor Relations Account Executive DE/MD/PA

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As a Pennsylvania Farm Bureau member, you are eligible to enter the Built Ford Tough F-150 Sweepstakes* for a chance to win a 2-year lease on a brand new 2018 F-150! To enter, visit fordspecialoffer.com/farmbureau/sweeps or text the word **SWEEPS** to 46786.**



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