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## CDCFB Christmas Messages

Outgoing President Daniel Miller

Incoming President Doug B. Lapp



I hope you and your families are doing well and that you had a safe and profitable year. We wish you happy and healthy holidays and hope that 2022 provides new opportunities for your family to prosper.

Over the years that I have been president, many members of this organization helped to make it a success. To everyone who provided support and insight to me over the years—thank you! You know who you are and I will be forever grateful for your help and support. I am not going to mention names because if I did, I would forget to name at least a few and it would still be a long list!

For many years our farmer members have been concerned about educating the public as to what we do as farmers and why it is

important to them. CDCFB has spent a lot of time and effort over the last 13 years doing just that; attending public events with interactive displays and spending many hours talking with the public. Sometimes it doesn't seem like the public understands what we do, but I found through these events that there are many people who do and who support our industry. To all of you who have spent hours donating your time to help out at these events, thank you so much! Your time was well spent representing our members.

To all of you who spent your time traveling to West Chester, Harrisburg, and Washington D.C. to meet with our elected representatives and speak on behalf of our members, thank you. This is one of the most important things our organization does. Your **OUTGOING on Pg. 3**

2021 is rapidly coming to a close as the Holiday season is upon us. The CDCFB wishes all of our members a Merry Christmas. We hope that you find time to spend with your loved ones and remember the reason for the season.

With the end of the year comes the reorganization of the CDCFB board of directors which happens annually at our October meeting. This year we had big shoes to fill as Dan Miller decided to not continue as the president of our county organization. Thankfully we were able to convince Dan to stay on as our second vice president where his advice will be crucial as we move forward.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Douglas B. Lapp. I farm in Cochranville with my father and grandfa-

ther growing corn, soybeans, and wheat as well as raising chickens for Tyson.

In 2015 I graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a business degree and in 2018 I was elected to the CDCFB Board of Directors. In 2019 and 2020, I was elected as the second vice president of our county and feel quite honored to attempt to pick up the torch from Dan as the next president.

I did not know much about the farm bureau and its role in agriculture before getting involved with the Board. Three years later, I see that this organization is one of the most important things I can be involved in if I'm going to make a lifelong career out of farming. Agriculture **INCOMING on Pg. 2**



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- Feb. 12 - 13: YAP Conference
- Feb. 25 - 28: AFBF YFR Leadership Conf.
- March 11: PFB Ag Promotion TASK Conf.
- March 21 - 25: Ag Literacy Week

# Chester County's Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan

The Chester County Agricultural Development's Ag Task Force would like to thank CDCFB for its financial support of the county's ag economic development strategic plan, as well as thank the many chapter member who spoke with the county's consultants, ACDS, to help



shape its outcome.

The plan aims to strengthen agriculture and reinforce its role in building healthy communities and a sustainable economy. It assesses current industry sub-sectors and identifies trends and opportunities for future growth. It also serves as a guide for county agencies, private industry, and advocacy groups to work together on shared challenges.

After speaking with a wide variety of farmers and ag industry professionals, the consultants have identified six high priority topics that need attention for the industry to thrive: agricultural markets, busi-

ness and financing, education and outreach, labor and workforce, land access, and zoning and land use.

These will not be simple issues to address, but the Task Force, of which CDCFB is a valued member, is confident that progress can be made through collaboration and shared focus in the years ahead. Please stay tuned for next steps on how the Task Force and this chapter can work together, and for information about a public celebration when the county formally adopts the plan in early 2022.

To read the full plan, please visit [www.chescofarming.org](http://www.chescofarming.org).

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is a key industry within Pennsylvania, but down here in the southeast it's very easy for everyday Pennsylvanians to not see the impact and importance of our industry.

As the Philadelphia suburbs continue to grow, and our agriculture community feels more outside pressure from those forces, it is imperative that we stay organized to make sure that Agriculture has a seat at the table as decisions are made. Whether infrastructure, environmental issues, or land development, we must stay focused together on making sure agriculture in Chester and Delaware counties has a bright future.

An old Indian quote says: "A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong". I see this as the roll of the Farm Bureau. When one farm in our region is attacked for normal farming practices by people who do not understand agriculture, it is imperative that we as a group stand with them and provide support to

help them through the challenge.

Moving forward there are a few key items I hope to influence within our county farm bureau: continued engagement at the state level, cultivating our future generation, and showcasing the necessity for a strong farm bureau.

Our role as a member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is to help influence and guide policy development at the state level. These policies influence legislators to assist with the needs of agriculture. The PFB is the strongest organization with the most powerful presence in Harrisburg. It will only remain that way if we remain actively engaged within the process.

The PFB includes a segment of those in agriculture under 35 years old referred to as Young Ag Professionals (YAP). Our county has had a relatively quiet presence within this structure since I have been on the board. My hope over the next few years is to cultivate that sector of Chester and Delaware County Ag-

riculture to create lifelong relationships between farm bureau and our next generation of Ag professionals. At our next board meetings, we will be looking into things we can do to engage this sector so if you have any ideas please reach out to me.

My final goal is to find better ways of communicating the necessity for our organization. Our volunteers spend hours every year working on membership for the organization making sure that we have enough twigs in our group to ensure that we will not break. I hope we become better at showcasing our value as an organization so that members are not just supporters of the organization, but advocates for it as well.

I look forward to what we can achieve moving forward. If you have any thoughts or comments please contact me at any time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. B. [unclear]".

# 2021 National FFA Convention Recap

This year marked the 94th National FFA Convention, and needless to say, those who attended were excited to be back in person after last year's virtual convention.



FFA officers, members, alumni, and associates from all over gathered together once again to share our common background in the different types of agriculture. The convention included influential workshops about a wide range of careers in many different fields. At the Expo center, FFA members could learn about universities and organizations that will allow them

to dive deeper into their own interests and futures.

Over 51,000 people traveled to experience the incredible FFA convention, as well as activities outside

the walls of the Indianapolis convention center. Octorara members attended all that the FFA convention center had to offer in addition to visiting the Indianapolis 500 track and museum.

The Octorara FFA chapter has received a few new members this school year and is starting to get back to "normal." While chapter activities haven't been as numerous as they were in previous years, the chapter is beginning to plan more ways to give back to our community and connect with each other through

community service. If you need any assistance with anything please let us know! We are also working on recruiting new members to help volunteer with these service activities.

We are excited to announce that four of our members will be receiving the PA State FFA award, the Keystone degree, at the PA Farm Show in January. The Keystone degree is awarded to members who have invested time and money into various projects of their choosing over the course of at least two years, attended numerous chapter and out of chapter events, and completed a minimum of 25 hours of community service. Congratulations to Clayton Carlin, Madeline Cracknell, Joe Gehron, and Kaden King who will receive this prestigious FFA Award.

- Emily VanScoter-Octorara  
FFA Historian

## CDCFB Member Makes History

CDCFB Member Boyd Martin won the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill Debut in October. His victory marks the first time an American has won a 5 star event in 13 years.

Also in the top five champions were Oliver Townend from Great Britain, Tim Prince from New Zealand and Americans Jennie Brannigan and William Coleman. The Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill is one of only two event locations in the United States along with five others around the world.



**VICTORY LAP** - Martin and On Cue after clinching their victory.

Three-time Olympian Martin moved from his native Australia in 2007 to further his career as an eventing professional, serving as the assistant trainer to Olympian Phillip Dutton for two years before starting his own business.

Today Boyd and his wife Silva, a Grand Prix dressage rider, own and operate their Windurra USA Farm.

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efforts help to move agriculture forward.

Being president of our organization has meant a lot to me personally. It has been a pleasure to represent you and the other members of CDCFB. Thanks to all of the committees and individuals who have helped make this organization successful. I appreciate your help and support.

Changes happen constantly in farming. The re-organization of the board of directors at the October meeting provided a new generation of leadership for the organization with the election of Doug B. Lapp as president of CDCFB.

We welcome Doug to the office of President and wish him well as CDCFB moves into the future. Please support Doug and our board in leading our organization to benefit the farmers and communities in Chester and Delaware Counties.

With much appreciation,

*Daniel Miller*



## CDCFB's Successful Showing at First Maryland 5 Star Event

Thanks to CDCFB's Equine Committee for helping coordinate our presence at the Maryland 5 Star event. Special thanks go to the booth volunteers including CDCFB members: Julie Brady, Linda Campbell, Larry Drennan, Melissa Harrop, Mary Hazzard, Betsey Mehl, Dan Miller, Kris Poole, Janet and Howard Robinson, Ethan Howard and the Bucks County members he recruited to help, and to Michael and Kristina Stolitca for meeting and greeting folks at our booth on Sunday-the busiest day. Thanks to our volunteers who were also instrumental in helping to sign ten new farm bureau members during



the event.

Special thanks again to Mary Hazzard for having life-size cut-out boards created of three of CDCFB's famous equine equestrians - Boyd Martin (the top winner at the Maryland5star event), Phillip Dutton and Buck Davidson. Passers-by at our booth saw and recognized the international winners on the cut-out boards and were excited to have their photos taken with them. Also, other Farm Bureau members from across the United States stopped by our booth, including ones from Maryland, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, and South Carolina. They were excited to see Farm Bureau's participation at this event.

The name - Farm Bureau - was, not only listed on the top of our active booth, but also displayed on the giant moving Jumbotron sign during the event, as well as Maryland5star's advertisement materials.



This "Farm Bureau" name exposure will be invaluable to membership workers when talking with prospective members in the future, especially horse-owners. Again, thanks PFB and CDCFB for co-sponsoring the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill event. Also, special thanks for both Ethan and Michael's help with, not only providing hand-out materials, but also for their time spent in planning and executing this epic event.



## Register for Ag Literacy Week

The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation is looking for volunteer readers to help connect students with agriculture and where their food comes from.

Plan now to join us for the 6th Annual Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week March 14-12, 2022. Volunteers will read this year's book, "My Family's Soybean Farm," to classrooms across the state. Volunteer readers are asked to make a \$10 donation for a book to be read and given to the classroom.

To get involved:

1. Contact your local school to request to read to a kindergarten through second-grade classroom.
2. Collect classroom information (school, teacher name, teacher email, grade, number of students).
3. Register online by Dec. 31, 2021.

Registration is now open. Learn more and register at [www.pfb.com/agliteracy](http://www.pfb.com/agliteracy).

Questions?

Email the foundation at [alw@pfb.com](mailto:alw@pfb.com).



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## EPA Will Continue to Allow Paraquat Application, Expand Safety Measures

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has finalized an interim decision on the herbicide paraquat, allowing the product to remain on the market for another 15 years but putting new safety restrictions in place.

The agency walked back a proposal to ban aerial application but will limit pilots to spraying 350 acres per day and impose residential buffers during aerial applications. The new rules also require enclosed tractor cabs for farmers or farmworkers applying paraquat to more than 80 acres per day, banned use of paraquat in backpack sprayers, and prohibited workers from

entering a field until 48 hours after paraquat is applied.

Paraquat is applied annually to control invasive weeds and grasses in certain crops, including corn and soybeans. It's a Restricted Use Product, meaning it can only be used by certified pesticide applicators.



### Welcome, New Members

Daniel Behl, *Glen Mills*  
 Emily Bettencourt, *Kennett Square*  
 Harriet Bigelow, *Phoenixville*  
 Gary E. Blocker, *Lansdowne*  
 Joseph Cartafalsa, *Trainor*  
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 Lisa Phillips, *Collingdale*  
 Dana Pounce (Clonmel Farm), *West Chester*  
 Karin Roseman (Deer Valley Danes), *Wilmington, DE*  
 Fred Sensenig (Hay Market Stables), *Elverson*  
 Ashley Taylor (Twin Ponds Farm), *Cochranville*  
 Mary Lou Wattman (Fox Hill Farm), *Chester Springs*  
 Andrea White-McClendon, *Glen Mills*

## Farm Bureau Membership Supports Agriculture's Future

Did you know that as a Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau member, you are also a member of the largest and most effective grassroots agriculture advocacy organization, the PA Farm Bureau, and also at the national level, the American Farm Bureau Federation?

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your Farm Bureau membership for 2022. And, welcome to the new members who have joined CDCFB for the first time.

Reap the Benefits of Being a Farm Bureau Member!

Get your share of \$2.5 million in annual savings available through our 24 different member discounts and

special group pricing on many products and services: Grainger products, Ford vehicles, John Deere, Case I-H, Cat equipment, Nationwide Insurance, AmeriGas, Choice Hotels, Hershey Park, Wyndham Hotels, Avis and Budget car rentals, etc. It pays to be a Farm Bureau member!

Reminder: For those of you who have not yet renewed for 2022, remember to do so before December 31st. The Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy that you receive, just for being a farm bureau member, increases in value if your dues are paid by December 31st.

— Janet Robinson, CDCFB Membership Processor



# Meet CDCFB's New Board Members



## Andy Engle - 2021

Andy Engle, along with his wife Rhonda, and three children (Payton, Kaycee, Lyla), run Cross Bar Farm located in Cochranville. Their operation consists of 100 acres of row crops and 200 acres of hay. A small beef cow herd and their children's 4-H sheep and goats also reside on their farm. Along with the farm, Andy and Rhonda run a retail hay and straw business, selling mostly small square bales to local horse owners. While delivery of hay and straw is an option for their customers, they may also choose to come right to the farm and pick out what kinds they may like for their animals. Winter months especially keep them busy, with selling as much as 10,000 small bales per month December through March.



## Bill Beam - 2021

Bill Beam lives in Elverson Pa where he owns and operates Beam Farms, INC with his two sons Matt and Dylan. In addition to growing corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay, Beam Farms has a sawdust/wood shavings business that serves the wood industry and agriculture throughout Pennsylvania and surrounding states. Bill has also served on various boards and committees including the Pa Soybean Board, United Soybean Board, United States Soybean Export Council. Recently Bill also completed a term as Deputy Administrator of Farm Programs for FSA/USDA under Trump administration.



## Benjamin Bates - 2020 (Election held 6/20)

Benjamin Bates grew up farming, during his early childhood his family raised 75 breeding sheep and sold their lambs. They also raised 2000 game birds including ring-neck pheasants, chukar partridge, and bob white quail. In 1991, the first haunted hayride took place on the family farm, as the business grew they added a haunted house and haunted corn trail. After graduating from Universal Technical Institute, Ben returned to Arasapha Farm to help grow the "Agritainment" business. Today, Arasapha Farm is better known as a Christmas Tree Farm and Haunted Attraction. Ben is also a partner with his father in a business of escape rooms, laser tag & Rage Rooms in West Chester. Ben was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the CDCFB board in April 2020.



## Shirley Herr - 2021

Shirley Herr and her husband own and operate One Way Holstein dairy farm in Oxford, Pa. The farm milks 140 cows, mostly Registered Holsteins. They raise corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and barley for the cows and young stock. They have enjoyed teaching their four children how to work on their dairy farm! Shirley is deeply passionate about the continuation of local, fresh, and nutritious food to feed America! She is also a part-time nursing clinical instructor; and says that her nursing students enjoy when she tells stories of farm life to her students (milking cows, driving tractor, assisting with cow births etc.) Education: Lancaster Mennonite High School, 1991, Lancaster General School of Nursing, 1994, Millersville University, 1995, and Robert Morris University, 2019.



## Harold Hallman - 2021

Harold M. Hallman III is a lifelong resident of West Pikeland Township in Chester Springs. He is a graduate of Downingtown Senior High School and Elizabethtown College. Harold farms his families Century Farm, growing hay, small grains, row crops, and produce along with working at his family's General Store, which was established by his Grandfather in 1928. The latest venture is making Mini-Bales for the fall market. Harold serves his community as a Member of the Board of Supervisors in West Pikeland Township and also as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Harold has served on the Chester-Delaware County Farm Bureau Board previously and also serves as the Environmental Coordinator and Membership Chairperson, along with the Legislative Committee, Ag Promotion Committee and Policy Development Committee. Harold enjoys working with the Chester-Delaware County farmers to keep Agriculture on the minds of politicians and the community, by educating the importance of Agriculture. If you are interested in helping grow Farm Bureau Membership, please contact Harold, and get involved with the Membership Committee.

# PFB Members Stress Importance of Commonsense Water Rules

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that farmers can continue to rely on clear and commonsense rules governing federal regulation of waterways.

The message was delivered during a recent public comment period for the agencies to solicit input on their plans to do away with the Trump administration's 2020 rule establishing federal jurisdiction of waterways and begin the process of drafting a new rule.

PFB President Rick Ebert testified on behalf of the organization during a recent listening session hosted by the agencies. In addition, hundreds of PFB members sent in comments by responding to a PFB Action Alert.

"It is...critical for EPA to remain objective and balanced in considering any further change to current criteria governing (federal water-

ways)," Ebert said. "Please actively seek input from farmers and try to understand the unique circumstances in land conditions and agricultural production that farmers around the nation face."

In June, the EPA and the Army Corps announced a two-step process for overhauling federal water regulation. First agencies are reversing the Trump administration's 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule, effectively reverting back to the decades-old rule that was in place prior to the Obama administration's 2015 Waters of the U.S. Rule. The second step is developing a new rule.

The question that the Obama, Trump, and now Biden administrations have sought to answer is how to define "waters of the U.S." (or WOTUS), which refers to those waterways that fall under the federal government's jurisdiction to regulate under the Clean Water Act. Farm Bureau led opposition to the

2015 WOTUS rule, which took an overly broad approach to defining federally regulated waterways and would have subjected nearly all of Pennsylvania farmland to federal water regulation. The rule was put on hold by several federal court rulings that expressed agreement with Farm Bureau's assertion that EPA and the Army Corps overstepped its authority under the Clean Water Act. The 2020 rule was largely welcomed by agriculture as more clearly defining which waterways are subject to federal regulation.

"Last year's changes brought some basic reasonability and common sense to the 2015 WOTUS rule," Ebert said. "I hope and strongly recommend you not revert to the political or regulatory actions you performed during the 2015 adoption of the WOTUS rule. Any rule that treats nearly all of Pennsylvania's land mass as part of federally regulated waterway network is senseless and unacceptable."

# 71st Annual PFB Meeting Sets Legislative Agenda

From November 15th to the 17th, members from the CDCFB attended the 2021 PFB annual meeting which was held in Hershey. The main purpose of the annual meeting is for every county farm bureau to send delegates to vote on policies submitted from members, like you, from all across the state.

During the three days of deliberation, over 150 policies were debated by the delegates and voted on as to whether they would be submitted to the PFB Policy Book. This book is how the PFB lobbies legislative members to get your priorities turned into legislation or regulation. This process is the power of the farm bureau.

If you have a recurring problem on your farm, you can bring that to us during our summer policy development meetings. During those meetings we will help you turn the problem into an actionable policy to submit first to our county's annual meeting and then to our state annual meeting. This grassroots advocacy is what separates the Farm Bureau from many other organizations. Lawmakers know that when they hear from farm bureau members and representatives, the policies they are speaking to came from people like you.

The other main event from the Annual Meeting is

the Pa Friends of Agriculture Trivia night. Members from CDCFB participated in the event and brought home the chocolate with a resounding victory.

Thanks to all of our members who made the trip to Hershey to help represent our members values during the policy meeting.



## REAP Tax Credits Available

Pennsylvania has opened its Resource Enhancement and Protection program for 2021-2022. The program offers state tax credits to help farmers implement conservation practices that improve soil and water quality.

There is \$13 million in REAP credits available this year, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

REAP tax credits are available to agricultural producers who implement best management practices or purchase equipment that reduces nutrient and sediment runoff. Farmers may receive up to \$250,000 in any seven-year period, and spouses filing jointly can use REAP tax credits.

Examples of funded projects include no-till planting and precision ag equipment, waste storage facilities, con-

servation plans, nutrient management plans, barnyard runoff controls, cover crops, and riparian stream buffers.

Farmers may receive REAP tax credits of 50 to 75 percent of the project's eligible out-of-pocket costs. Farmers whose operation is in a watershed with an EPA-mandated total maximum daily load, such as the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, can receive REAP tax credits of up to 90 percent of out-of-pocket costs for some projects.

Tax credits can be used in conjunction with other funding sources such as the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, the Chesapeake Bay Program or Conservation Excellence Grants.

To learn more and apply, visit [www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/State-ConservationCommission/REAP/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/State-ConservationCommission/REAP/Pages/default.aspx).

**Congratulations to CDCFB Board member and county Ag Promotion Chair Melissa Harrop on being elected as Vice Chair of the PFB Ag Promotion Committee. Agriculture promotion and education has been a passion of Mel's for over 8 years, and she has served on the state Ag Promotion Committee as the District 3 Representative for 6 years. She is very excited and committed to helping the state Committee grow, develop and move forward with the amazing projects and plans that are upcoming in 2022.**





# Mental Health Resources Available

Research has found that many farmers are experiencing new stress and mental health concerns as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the farm economy and other pressures.

If you or someone you know is struggling or has concerns about their mental health, please know that you are not alone and there is help available.

There are unique factors that affect stress in the farming community as well as unique warning signs that someone is struggling. Those include:

- Change in routines or activities
- Decline in the care of domestic animals
- Increase in illness or other chronic conditions
- Increase in farm accidents
- Decline in appearance of the farm
- Decreased interest in activities or events
- Signs of stress in children include struggles with school

The following help and resources are available:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or use the online chat at

[suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat) 24/7 for free and confidential support and to be connected with a skilled, trained counselor in your area.

- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 for 24/7 support via text.
- PA 211 is a United Way statewide partner which offers trained resource navigators who can tell farmers what services may be available in their area to help with a variety of health and human service needs, from utility or food assistance to mental health support. Visit [www.pa211.org](http://www.pa211.org), dial 211 from any landline or cell phone, or text your zip code to 898-211.
- Avera Health Farm and Rural Stress Hotline: Call 800-691-4336 to be connect with a

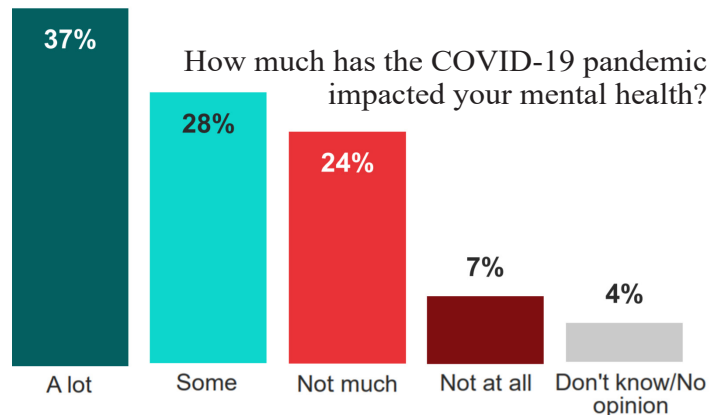
skilled, compassionate mental health professional.

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357) for treatment locators, SAMHSA's National Helpline, a Disaster Distress Helpline and other important information.

Find additional resources, learn tips for starting important conversations about mental health, and register for free rural resilience training by visiting [farmstateofmind.org](http://farmstateofmind.org).

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Farmers/farmworkers are more likely than rural adults to say COVID-19 has impacted their mental health (66% vs 53%).

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# Chester County Commissioners Present Agriculture Awards

The Chester County Commissioners and Chester County Ag Council were delighted to recognize CDCFB members Darryl King and Betsey MacCauley during an on-line public meeting on October 13th concerning the county's ag economic development strategic plan.

The 2021 Farmer of the Year Award was given to Darryl King.



He is the owner-operator of Manor Hill Farms in West Grove where he and his wife Pam grow row crops on 220 acres, and Manor Hill Hay and Grain in Cochranville, a self-serve store selling pine shavings, hay, and straw.

King was nominated for the award by the Chester County Ag Land Preservation Board for his work championing farmland preservation and encouraging the use of no-till farming and cover crops. He was also honored for his willingness to help others in need, especially new and beginning farmers in his community.

Betsey MacCauley received the Duncan Allison Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award in recognition of her over 30 years of

volunteer service through her work as a 4-H Club livestock leader.

MacCauley has touched the lives of hundreds if not thousands of aspiring young farmers through her ongoing volunteerism leading Chester County's Golden Fleece Sheep Club, judging competitions, mentoring youth, and welcoming visitors from all over the country to her family's award-winning sheep farm, MacCauley Suffolks, in Parkesburg.



## Take the Time to Slow Down and Stay Safe

You might think that my farm never has safety issues since I'm the guy who writes the articles about farm safety....but let's be honest: accidents happen to everyone. As we are all pushing ourselves to the limits to complete fall harvest tasks, we inevitably lose some of our bet-

ter judgment skills.

Such was the case for me during corn harvest this fall. I was busy dumping loads of corn to keep up with the combine, so I asked a friend to hop in a tractor and mow stalks so Dad could continue planting wheat. I just told my friend he would be fine on his own and nothing could go wrong.

A few moments later he informed me that I'd forgotten to warn him about the sharp terrace in the field and the mower met its demise as a result. This story could've ended a lot worse than it did. My failure to give my friend more instructions and even ride

along for a couple laps around the field could've resulted in something terrible since I had only assumed my pal knew everything there was to know about this job and that he would be able to find his way around the obstacles throughout the farm.

I now realize that a few extra minutes spent coaching my friend until we both felt comfortable for him to operate solo would have cost me much less than how things turned out.

The next time you or I need help on our farm, let's put that "buddy seat" to use before we hand over the keys rather than hope for the best and let an operator figure it out.

Be safe, and farm on!

-Darryl M. King



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County Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For the location, contact Secretary Julie Brady.

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