



Bedford County Newsletter



Quarterly Newsletter of Bedford County Farm Bureau

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Dear Bedford County Farm Bureau Members,

We are on the down-side of winter. The sun already is warming our winter chills. The time will soon be here when nothing but the tractor seat will sooth the itch of the farmer's butt or the rake stretch the muscles of the gardener's arm. It is also a time when we in agriculture turn our attention to the hope and aspirations of the policies that affect our well-being. Consequently, we need to be aware of the policy makers. We need to be knowledgeable and actively engaged in those things that affect ourselves and those who follow.

I know of no better way than to be actively engaged in the local, state and National Farm Bureau – the most effective spokesman for agriculture.

Thank you for being faithful Farm Bureau members and cheers to a safe and productive spring! Again, thanks for being a Bedford County Farm Bureau Member and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Detwiler
President, Bedford County Farm Bureau

Bedford County Farm Bureau's Spring Luncheon and Informational Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2020
11:30 am

**Hoss's Steak and Sea House
Bedford**

Reservation deadline: March 21, 2020

The cost of the luncheon is \$10

Those in attendance will hear reports
about programs and activities of the
Bedford County Farm Bureau

Special guest speaker:
Dr. Elizabeth Santini, DVM
Veterinary Medical Field Officer
PA Department of Agriculture,
Region 5

Topic –
“Biosecurity and The African Swine
Virus”

Please contact: Dean Claycomb at
814-623-0874 by March 21
or any Bedford County Farm Bureau
Board Member for Tickets.



Region 4 Social Event

Presentation: Communicating the need to transition;
Getting your parents to let go!

Come join fellow young agriculturalists for a free dinner
and presentation. Stay afterwards as long as you'd like to
socialize. *Adult beverages at your cost.

Sat., Feb. 29, 2020
From 6:00 PM to ?

Lemon Drop Lounge
260 Clubhouse Lane
Ebensburg PA 15931

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If you are interested in getting involved with any of our county or state Farm Bureau programs or if you have a project, program or issue that farm bureau should be involved in please give any of the board members a call. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for being a farm bureau member.

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Hog Producers Warned of Emerging Disease Threat

State Veterinarian Kevin Brightbill is urging hog producers to be on the lookout for a potentially fatal disease that was recently detected in pigs within Pennsylvania and poses a threat to the state's pork industry.

The state Department of Agriculture has designated *Streptococcus equi subspecies zooepidemicus* (often referred to as Strep zoo) as a "dangerous transmissible disease," which enables the department to closely monitor it. Hog deaths from the disease in U.S. had not been reported until recently, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture sent out an emerging risk notice following a high-mortality event at a cull sow slaughter plant in Tennessee. Strep zoo was recently detected in Pennsylvania when an infected cull sow died at a livestock market and it was previously detected in Ohio, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Florida and Canada.

Strep zoo can spread quickly among pigs with a mortality rate between 30 and 50 percent. Clinical signs include sudden onset lethargy, weakness and high fever. In rare cases, the bacteria can cause severe and potentially fatal disease in humans.

Producers are urged to maintain strict biosecurity protocols to prevent spread of the disease and to immediately report any suspected cases to the state veterinarian's office by calling **717.772.2852** and pressing option 1 to reach the veterinarian on call. Learn more at

www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/streptococcus-zooepidemicus-notice.pdf.

Be Sure to Renew Your Farm Bureau Membership for 2020

If you haven't already renewed your Pennsylvania Farm Bureau membership for 2020, be sure to do so before right away so you can continue to be a part of securing agriculture's future and keep enjoying the benefits of Farm Bureau membership. Your PFB membership gives you access to a wide range of great benefits and discounts and is your voice in our organization. As a member, you can have a hand in shaping what PFB will advocate for by taking part in the policy development process. As farmers face more and more economic and regulatory challenges, having a strong Farm Bureau advocating for agriculture is more important than ever. Your Farm Bureau membership helped secure important wins this past year, such as strengthening trespass laws, a major increase in funding for agriculture programs in the state budget and the replacement of the burdensome Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule with a commonsense clean water rule that makes sense for farmers. Contact PFB's Member Relations Division at **717.761.2740** to renew your membership. You can also easily renew your membership online.

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While the state law is only enforceable within California, it would largely affect producers out of state. California represents about 15 percent of the domestic pork market but relies overwhelmingly on out-of-state farrowing operations to meet that demand. If Proposition 12 is enacted, Farm Bureau and the pork council warned, it will effectively force a wholesale change in the how U.S. pork is raised and marketed, requiring farmers to scrap science-based animal care practices in favor of arbitrary standards and halt production to invest in costly updates. The groups argue that Proposition 12 is unconstitutional because it attempts to regulate interstate commerce and interfere with other states' authority to regulate activities within their own borders and that the changes could, in fact, threaten the well-being of sows and decrease food safety.

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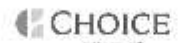
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**MEMBER BENEFITS AND PESTICIDE
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HOSTED BY:
BEDFORD AND BLAIR COUNTY FARM BUREAU'S
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020,
BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BUILDING AND
WEST CENTRAL EQUIPMENT**

These 2 hour sessions conducted by Nationwide's Risk Management Services Unit, offers ways to keep your business and employees safe. Those in attendance will receive 2 Core and 2 Category Points toward your Pa Pesticide Applicators License.

Topics include:

- *Applicator and Environmental Safety*
- *Personal Protective Equipment*
- *Safe Chemical Handling and Storage*
- *Application Claims and Prevention*
- *Weeds, Insects and Diseases – Management and Control*

Call Gary Long at 814-684-5894 or Dean Claycomb at 814-623-0874 to make your reservations. Reservations are due by: February 27, 2020.



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**Meetings will be held at
the Bedford Township
Building and West Central
Equipment**

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Category Points toward
your Pa Pesticide
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**Event at
Bedford Township
Building**

**Registration begins at 9:30
am Program begins at
9:45 am and ends at 12:00
pm**

**Event at
West Central Equipment
Registration begins at 6:30
pm Program begins at
6:45 pm and ends at 9:15
pm**

**BEDFORD AND BLAIR
COUNTY FARM
BUREAUS**

**Member Benefits and
Pesticide Update
Wednesday, March 4
at the Bedford Township
Building and West Central
Equipment**

Bedford County Farm Bureau is working on getting local discounts for members. Here is a list of the discounts so far:

American Trailer Company

5080 Business 2020, Bedford
5% discount on sheds, garages
Animal structures, Cannot be
combined with 3% cash discount
50 mile free delivery

Barnes Garage Inc.

522 E. Penn St. Bedford
10% off parts

Claycomb Fence Systems, Inc

120 Ford Country Lane, Osterburg
10% off all in-stock Priefert Ranch
Equipment corral panels, squeeze
chutes, sweep systems, round pens

Esh's Storage Barns

5080 Business 2020, Bedford
5% discount on sheds, garages
Animal structures, Cannot be
combined with 3% cash discount
50 mile free delivery

Interchange Parts

4588 Business 220, Bedford
5% off everything
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Kaufman Metals, LLC

6146 Lincoln Hwy, Bedford
5% off Metal Roofing

Morrall Farm Supply

54 E. 4th St. Everett
5% off anything

O'Reilly Auto Parts

9440 Lincoln Hwy, Bedford
Become an O'Reilly rewards
member and get 10% off any
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Shawnee Vinyl

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10% off Windows, Siding, Doors

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5% off parts and accessories,
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\$100 off large equipment

Whispering Hollow Estates

1409 Dunkard Hollow Rd, Pleasantville
Wedding & Corporate Event Venue
5% off rental packages

To use the member discount program, you must present your membership card at the time of purchase. If your business would like to participate in our local discount program please contact Cristy Strayer at 814039-9021 or Jonathan May at 703-855-0397.

Organic Grain Imports Continue to Increase

Imports of organic grains have increased in the U.S. by 5 percent over last year.

Buyers of organic grains have turned to alternate sources from around the world to compensate for a poor harvest, particularly of corn, from the 2019 growing season. Organic imports of commodities originating from Russia and Romania have increased substantially.

Growers of certified organic grain are needed in Pennsylvania to supply the state's organic poultry industry and other livestock enterprises. Penn State Extension is also working to bring organic grain production to Pennsylvania and can provide details to interested agricultural producers.

In 2016, Pennsylvania ranked second to California for organic production.

Sign Up Now for Expanded Conservation Reserve Program

The sign-up period is now open for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, which encourages farmers to implement conservation practices on their land.

Farmers who enroll land in the program receive a yearly rental payment for voluntarily establishing long-term practices to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural land. The 2018 Farm Bill lifted a cap on the number of acres enrolled in the program to 27 million from 22 million. That means that more farmers will have an opportunity to participate than in previous years.

Farmers have until Feb. 28 to apply for the general CRP, a competitive program in which bids for enrollment are ranked based on environmental benefit. Enrollment for the continuous CRP, which targets environmentally sensitive lands, can happen at any time. Funding for continuous CRP in the 2018 Farm Bill is targeted at practices that improve water quality such as contour grass strips, filter strips, riparian buffers and wetlands.

To learn more or apply, contact your local Farm Service Agency county office or visit **fsa.usda.gov/crp**.

Nationwide is on Your Side

Nationwide Insurance began in 1925 as the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company with the goal of providing quality auto insurance at low rates for Farm Bureau members in Ohio. Nine state Farm Bureaus promote Nationwide and provide discounts to members. Other than Ohio, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has had the longest relationship with Nationwide than the other eight state Farm Bureaus.

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Independent Contractors on the Farm

With the rising of liability issues in the agriculture industry, it is vital to any farm operation to be very explicit when it comes to machine hire and custom work. An operation should not engage any individual that refuses to supply a form W-9 and a copy of their certificate of insurance. It is in the best interest of the operation to keep this information on file due to the possibility of future law suits or worker's compensation claims. An operation is required to file a form 1099 when an independent contractor is paid \$600.00 or more. There is a substantial penalty for not filing the appropriate form with the Internal Revenue Service supplying name, address, identification number, and amount paid to each independent contractor.

There is a fine line between an independent contractor and employee as well. If an operation has behavioral control and financial control of the individual, they would be classified as an employee. In other words, if the operation dictates when work is to be performed, how it is to be performed, gives the individual the use of tools, equipment and facilities, then they are classified as an employee. The penalties for misclassification of an individual can result in some very costly penalties and fines.

If you have any questions regarding classification of individuals, whether and employee or independent contractor, please feel free to call MSC Business Services account supervisor Shane Barkman CPA at 717-908-0778



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**Bedford County Farm Bureau
Spring Meeting
Tuesday, March 26
11:30 am
Hoss's, Bedford**

Upcoming Events:

February 20
February 25-27
March 2-6
March 4

March 4

March 7
March 16-20
March 24
March 25
March 26

Region 4 Farm Bureau Day
Federal Affairs Trip
Local Government Week
Pesticide Update –
Bedford Township Building
Pesticide Update –
West Central Equipment
Ag Promotion Conference
Ag Literacy Week
FARMER Dinner
State Legislative Conference
Spring Meeting