

Dear Bedford County Farm Bureau Members,

A few days ago at the farm, my wife Betty asked me if I would “want to be a corn or a soybean”. At the time, I did not give much thought to her question but a few days later while picking sweet corn I started to think about the question. I would have to say that as a farmer, we should be more like soybeans than corn. I told Betty that corn is beautiful and does extremely well when the conditions are right ....it can reach a height of 10 feet tall, beautiful leaves and a great yield when there is plenty of fertility and water ....but when water is lacking and we have extreme heat, corn does not do as well. It ends up short with leaves that change color and curl and the yield has potential to be nothing. On the other hand, soybeans remain constant even with limited water their color and height are close to the same. The yield will not be as good as it would’ve been with perfect conditions but the plant will at least yield something. For this reason, I feel we should be like soybeans —our world is constantly changing in drastic ways especially in the last six months and most of our challenges are a very uphill battle. It is at these times I am proud to be a Farm Bureau member— knowing I will not face these challenges alone and I am not the only one that is going through this.

Before I close, I want to express our condolences to the Detwiler family. Bob was great friend and leader for Bedford County Farm Bureau. His dedication to promotion of Bedford County Agriculture will be missed. He lead the county farm bureau through many challenges and successes. The board voted to name the scholarship that we give to a Bedford Vo-tech agriculture student the “Bob Detwiler Memorial Scholarship”. Again, our condolences to the family. The Farm Bureau Family is here for you.

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

Sincerely yours,

Curt Sweinhart  
President, Bedford County Farm Bureau

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR WE ARE STILL PLANNING TO HAVE:**

The New and Improved Bedford County Farm Bureau Annual Business Meeting. We will be having an Ice Cream Social instead of a meal and it will be on **Sunday, October 11** at the Woodbury Township Community Center at 2:00pm.

The event will be **free to all members.**

Those in attendance will hear a few brief reports, discuss and vote on proposed resolutions and participate in the elections of 3 County Board Directors.

Please make your reservations by  
October 6 by calling  
Naomi Sollenberger – 814-766-2341

**Members are encouraged to social  
distance and wear a mask.**

**Anyone experiencing  
COVID-19 symptoms defined by the  
CDC should stay home.**



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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.

## **Nominate Outstanding Ag Educators for 2020-21 Golden Owl Award**

Do you know an outstanding agriculture educator? Nominate them now for the Golden Owl Award. The awards program is presented by Nationwide to recognize exceptional agricultural teachers and provide financial support for their education programs. Nationwide presents the award in five states, including Pennsylvania, where it is awarded in cooperation with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Pennsylvania FFA.

The award was presented in Pennsylvania for the first time this year to Mark Anderson, agriculture teacher at Elizabethtown High School in Lancaster County. Nominations for the 2020-21 award are open now through Dec. 31.

Four finalists will receive \$500 each for their programs and an overall winner will receive the Golden Owl Award trophy and \$3,000 to help bring new educational opportunities to their program. For more information and to nominate an outstanding agriculture educator, visit

[www.nationwide.com/golden-owl-award/pennsylvania](http://www.nationwide.com/golden-owl-award/pennsylvania).

## **Your Voice Needed to Secure Additional Help for Agriculture**

The COVID-19 pandemic has dealt an enormous blow to farmers across the country. In nearly every sector. Producers have seen their markets shrink overnight or even disappear, while supply chains have been stretched to the limit in response to this emergency. The federal response to COVID-19 will require ongoing action to adequately address the needs of millions of Americans in crisis. Farmers must not be left out.

Right now, Congress is working on emergency legislation that is needed to help America's farmers and ranchers. This bill has the potential to provide a lifeline to farm families in their time of need. The drop in commodity prices and other serious disruptions to the food chain are affecting life on the farm.

Farm Bureau is committed to doing all we can to preserve the economic health of farm families as the nation fights this pandemic. Please add your voice to this effort by visiting [www.pfb.com/ActNow](http://www.pfb.com/ActNow) to contact your members of Congress.

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Curt Sweinhart, Kenny Stanton and Monet Bottenfield updated those in attendance at the Annual Summer Legislative Farm Tour which was held at Hideaway Ranch which is owned and operated by Dave and Mary Heller. Those in attendance were: Josh Lang, Bedford County Commissioner, Pa Representatives Jesse Topper and Carl Metzgar, Pa Senator Wayne Langerholc, Aides for Congressman John Joyce and US Senator Patrick Toomey and Kellie Goodman-Shaffer from Bedford County Chamber. Some of the other issues discussed were:

Rural Broadband, Civil Liability Reform for Agritourism Businesses, Regulatory Relief for Use of Agriculture Buildings for Events, State Budget, New programs for agriculture conservation and Getting Whole Milk into Schools.



## Be Sure to Listen to PFB's New Podcast



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau recently launched *Farm Focus*, a new podcast that will cover the issues facing Pennsylvania farmers and tell the stories of Farm Bureau members. Each episode will be produced by PFB staff and will feature interviews and discussion on a variety of topics.

You can download the first three episodes now. Episodes can be found at [pfbcast.podbean.com](https://pfbcast.podbean.com), on the Podbean app, on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts or follow the link on the [pfb.com](https://pfb.com) homepage. Just search for "Farm Focus" or "Pennsylvania Farm Bureau." New episodes will be released monthly.



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### AFBF to Host Virtual Women's Fly-In

Farm Bureau women are invited to participate in a virtual "fly-in" event hosted by the American Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee.

The event, which is free and open to all Farm Bureau women, will provide an opportunity to connect via Zoom to learn, grow and share ideas and programs.

Sessions are scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21 and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Register online at

[https://farmbureau.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_NmbVDsMaSq-OmJmkhB32EQ](https://farmbureau.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NmbVDsMaSq-OmJmkhB32EQ).

### Policy Resolutions for the 2020 Bedford County Annual Meeting

Policy Development Process for the County Annual Meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The way the process will work at the meeting: Kenny Stanton, Policy Development Chair, will read the resolution and make a motion for adoption then Curt Sweinhart, President, will ask for a second and then open it up for discussion. After discussion, a vote will be taken on to support or oppose the proposed resolution. Once all the resolutions have been voted on we will take any additional from the floor. Any additional resolutions must be presented in writing to the Policy Development Chair prior to the start of the business meeting. Resolution that are passed that are related to state and national issues will be sent on the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Annual Meeting for consideration.

1. We recommend that PDA restart its inspection of meat and poultry processing facilities to allow for custom slaughtered animal for retail sales
2. We recommend that Governor be allowed to a deem a State of Disaster for no longer than 30 days. The Governor must get approval from the state house and state before extending the State of Disaster beyond 30 days.
3. We recommend that COVID-19 Immunization be a personal choice not a mandate.

If you have any questions about the policy development process, questions on any of the proposed resolutions or additional resolutions please give Kenny Stanton a call at 814-285-1086. We look forward to your input on the proposed resolutions at our annual meeting on October 11.



Free Movie Night at  
Downtown on the Farm at  
The Silver Lining Drive-In at  
The Bedford County Fair Grounds  
Thursday, September 24th  
Featuring  
"Farmland"  
A film by James Moll



We would like to thank everyone who helped make our milk giveaway a successful. We gave away over 3400 gallons of milk. We provided milk to: Bedford Food Pantry, Everett Food Pantry, Hyndman Food Pantry, Manns Choice Food Pantry, New Paris Food Pantry, Woodbury Food Pantry, Bedford Senior Services, Point United Methodist Church, Wesleyan Holy Bible Church, Chest Ridge Independent Church, Burketts Daycare, New Life Church. **Special thank you to Sheetz** for warehousing the milk and the use of the refrigerated trailer and the **Bedford County Fairgrounds** for the use of their facilities for the giveaway.



**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  
except oil products

**Kaufman Metals, LLC**  
6146 Lincoln Hwy, Bedford  
5% off Metal Roofing

**Morrall Farm Supply**  
54 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Everett  
5% off anything

**O'Reilly Auto Parts**  
9440 Lincoln Hwy, Bedford  
Become an O'Reilly rewards  
member and get 10% off any  
item

**Shawnee Vinyl**  
141 Vinyl Drive, Bedford  
10% off Windows, Siding, Doors

**Stoneham's Motorsports of Everett**  
5% off parts and accessories,  
\$10 off hand powertools  
\$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 814-309-9021 or Jonathan May at 703-855-0397.



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**Reimbursements Available for Conservation  
Planning in Chesapeake Bay Watershed**

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will again reimburse farmers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed for costs associated with developing conservation plans.

The Agricultural Plan Reimbursement Program has \$900,000 available to reimburse producers for the cost of hiring technical experts to develop Nutrient and Manure Management and Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control plans. Plans developed after Jan. 1, 2019 are eligible. More than one plan may be submitted for reimbursement, for up to a maximum of \$6,000. Plans must be submitted by May 31 to be eligible for reimbursement.

More information about the program is available at <http://bit.ly/2Nranxh>.

Farmers in Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cambria, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Somerset, and York Counties should contact Jedd Moncavage of TeamAg at [jeddm@teamaginc.com](mailto:jeddm@teamaginc.com) or 717.721.6795.

Remember .....  
to  
**Vote**

## ***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.

The **Nationwide appointed agencies** in Bedford County are:

**Monét A. Bottenfield**  
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## **Register Now for PFB's Virtual Annual Meeting**

Mark your calendar for **Nov. 16 through 19** to join Farm Bureau members from across the Keystone State for a virtual celebration of Pennsylvania agriculture!

Perhaps the most significant days on our yearly calendar, PFB's Annual Meeting brings farmers across the state together to set our organization's direction, recognize the achievements of the past year, learn and network.

While it's disappointing that we won't all be able to see one another face-to-face this year due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the virtual format offers new and exciting opportunities that we expect will make our 70th anniversary one of the most exciting to date.

If you've always wanted to participate in PFB's signature event but have not been able to commit to the time and expense of traveling to Hershey, **this is your chance to join the celebration!** The virtual meeting is free to all PFB members and you can participate as much or as little as your schedule allows.

And remember to mark your calendar for **Nov. 10**, when the excitement begins with a kick-off event. You'll have an opportunity to compete for prizes and get familiar with the virtual convention before it begins.

### **How do I access PFB's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting virtually?**

You'll be able to participate in the virtual meeting from most computers and mobile devices with an internet connection.

If you are using an Apple or Android mobile device, such as a smartphone or tablet, you'll be able to download our Annual Meeting app from the Apple or Google Play app stores. For desktop computers, laptops and other devices, you'll follow a link and participate via your web browser. Either way, you'll be able to access all aspects of the Annual Meeting in one, easy to find place.

Be sure to register ahead of time to receive more detailed instructions.

### **How do I register?**

Registration is open now! Attendees, except for voting delegates, are asked to register online by filling out and submitting the form available at **www.pfb.com/register**. Your registration may take up to a few days to process so be sure to register as early as possible.

If you are serving as a voting delegate, do not register through the online registration form. You will receive special registration instructions after you are selected by your county Farm Bureau.

You will need an email address to register and access the meeting. If you do not have an email account, you can sign up for a free email account through services such as Gmail (visit **mail.google.com**), AOL (visit **login.aol.com**) or Outlook (visit **outlook.live.com/owa**).

### **How can I learn more?**

Look for even more details in the October edition of *Country Focus*. We'll also post updates on our Annual Meeting webpage, **www.pfb.com/annualmeeting**.



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579 Texas Corner Road,  
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**Bedford County Farm Bureau  
Ice Cream Social and  
Annual Meeting  
Sunday, October 11  
2:00 pm  
Woodbury Township  
Community Center Pavilion**

#### Upcoming Events:

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|---------------------------|--|
| ▪ September 24            | Free Movie Night at<br>"Downtown on the Farm" at<br>The Silver Lining Drive-In |
| ▪ October 11              | Bedford County Farm Bureau<br>Annual Meeting                                   |
| ▪ November 1              | Daylight Saving Time Ends  |
| ▪ November 3              | Election Day   |
| ▪ November 10             | PFB Annual Meeting Kickoff   |
| ▪ November 16-19          | PFB Annual Meeting   |
| ▪ November 26             | Thanksgiving   |
| ▪ November 28-December 12 | Rifle Deer Season  |