



Bedford County Newsletter

Quarterly Newsletter of Bedford County Farm Bureau



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Dear Bedford County Farm Bureau Members,

This year has been challenging as you know! But Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) has been hard at work conducting most business through online platforms, and our State Annual Meeting held in November was no exception. Delegates from across the commonwealth attended the virtual delegate session and voted on several key state by-law changes, policies, and board recommendations. Most notably, a dues increase was passed by the majority at the state level. Due to these state farm bureau by-law updates, Bedford County Farm Bureau (BCFB) was asked to review and propose updates/changes to our county by-laws. A committee was formed of four BCFB voting members who reviewed and presented their proposed changes to the BCFB Board of Directors on February 16, 2021. Recommendations were made by the board, and the final changes are what you will find enclosed for your review.

As a voting member in good standing of this organization, you can review these proposed changes over the next twenty days and provide any feedback to the BCFB Board before ultimately voting on them at a meeting of our voting membership, to be held on April 22, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House-Bedford.

The subject of a dues increase at both the state and county levels has been one that leadership has deliberated on for the past several years and it has not been a decision taken lightly. We understand the challenges our industry faces and the struggles our farm families have endured. PFB and BCFB were not immune to these hardships either and have weighed them, along with other challenges faced, in making this decision. You will see in the proposal that we have recommended increasing BCFB dues from \$75 to \$100 beginning July 1, 2021.

Our committee and the BCFB Board of Directors feel that the most important aspect of our organization, is that it gives us a large, commanding, unified VOICE to be heard at both the state and federal legislative levels. It positions us to influence agricultural policy and equips us to acquire seats at those important tables. This is what truly equates the value of a BCFB membership to us, and we hope it does for you too.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the board with your thoughts, comments, or questions. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on April 22nd.

The BCFB Board of Directors has decided to expand our scholarship program and renamed it. It will be called the Bob Detwiler Memorial Scholarship. For the last several years we have been giving a scholarship to a Bedford County Technical Center Student who is in the agricultural program. We are opening the scholarship to all Bedford County Farm Bureau Members. The application is included in the newsletter.

I would like to thank Dave Flurie for his all his work on membership. Dave has resigned as membership chair. Thanks to everyone for helping us make our membership goal and continuing to grow.

Sincerely yours,
Kenny Stanton
President, Bedford County Farm Bureau

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- Help needed

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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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124 Giants Road,

Bedford, PA 15522

*Thanks for being
a farm bureau
member*

Check us out on Facebook and
Instagram

**Bedford County Farm
Bureau's Spring Luncheon
and Informational Meeting**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

11:00 am

Hoss's Steak and Sea House

Reservation deadline: April 15,
2021

The cost of the luncheon is \$12

Those in attendance will be
voting on by-laws changes, hear
reports about programs and
activities of the Bedford County
Farm Bureau

Special guest speaker:
Emily O'Brien, Sentinel
PA FFA Association

Her Topic will be:
Being Enthusiastic about Telling
Your Agriculture Story

Please contact:
Ally Fisher at 814-977-6268 or
Monet Bottenfield at
814-949-5819
by April 15 for Tickets.

Proposed additions to the Bedford County Farm Bureau By-Laws are **Underlined and in Bold** and deletions have a strike-through them. A complete copy of the by-laws are available upon request.

NAME

The name of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** is Bedford County Farm Bureau (BCFB)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be to encourage agriculture and horticulture by the practice, protection, and representation of the business, economic, social, and educational interests of the ~~farmer~~ members and thereby promote the betterment of the condition of farmers, the improvement of the grade of their products, and the development of a higher degree of efficiency in farming.

MANAGEMENT

The management of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be vested in a board of nine 9 directors and the chairperson of the Women's Committee.

LOCATION

The principal office of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be ~~located in the County seat~~ **at the home of a presiding officer** of the county serviced by this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** or such other place within the county as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS

Article 1

Members and Associate Members

Section 1. Members

~~Persons, partnerships, and corporations organized for agricultural purposes, actively engaged in the production of agricultural products, whose principal occupation is farming, including lessees and tenants of the land used for the production of such products, lessors, and landlords who receive as rent, either in kind or cash, all or part of the crop raised on the leased or rented premises, retired farmers are eligible for a regular membership in this Association. Any such person, partnership, unincorporated association or corporation may make application to become a member of this Association and if accepted shall, upon execution of the membership agreement and assumption of all obligations attached thereto, be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership.~~

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person, corporation or partnership interested in supporting the purposes of this organization shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Associate Members

~~Other persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations, and corporations interested in agriculture may become associate members of this Association. Associate Members shall not be eligible to hold office in this Association and shall not be entitled to vote in the meetings or proceedings thereof There will be no limit to the number of associate members in this Farm Bureau.~~

Section 2. Classes. The membership classes of this organization shall be: Voting Members, Friends of Farm Bureau, and any class, including a class subcategory, subsequently and duly created by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.

Section 3. Relations with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

~~This Association shall enter into a cooperative agreement with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau for the purpose of coordinating the activities of their respective officers and personnel within their respective fields of endeavor to the end that sound and effective national and state legislation may be adopted and administered; that proper and satisfactory public relations and services may be established and maintained; that needed business services may be developed and sustained; that desired cooperative marketing and distribution may be organized, fostered and supported and that proper publicity in respect to all of such activities may be made available to Members and others.~~

~~This Association shall unite with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau in a joint membership arrangement for its Members, wherein each Member of this Association shall also become a Member in Pennsylvania Farm Bureau with the obligations attaching thereto and the rights and privileges of membership therein. During the existence of any such joint membership agreement, this Association shall not admit to membership any person who is not mutually satisfactory to Pennsylvania Farm Bureau nor any person who is not or does not concurrently become a Member of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.~~

Section 3. Application for Membership. An eligible person, corporation or partnership shall apply for membership to the county Farm Bureau in the county of their residence, or of its principal office, in the case of a corporation or partnership, or if there is no county Farm Bureau in that county, to the Farm Bureau in an adjoining county. Upon acceptance by such county Farm Bureau and payment to it of the first year's dues and the execution of such membership agreement as may be prescribed, the applicant shall become a member of the county Farm Bureau and of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. Upon special request, a member may select the affiliation to the county Farm Bureau of their choice.

Section 4. Dues

~~The joint annual dues in this County Farm Bureau, in Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, and in American Farm Bureau shall be payable per year in advance to this County Farm Bureau for the account of this County Farm Bureau, of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau~~

and of the American Farm Bureau Federation. The distribution and amount of joint dues shall be adjusted by the County Board according to the financial needs of the Association and be approved by the membership in a regular or special meeting.

Section 4. Membership Rights. The membership rights of members are as follows:

(a) The right to vote on any and all matters shall be restricted to voting members of this Farm Bureau in good standing. Each voting membership shall have one vote. The voting rights of any partnership or corporation member shall be exercised by any representative thereof duly authorized in writing. Friends of Farm Bureau shall have no voting rights.

(b) Rights and privileges of membership in the case of a partnership or corporation shall accrue and belong only to such named partnership or corporation or one individual authorized by the partnership or corporation who is a member, shareholder, officer, employee or agent thereof.

(c) Any partnership, closely held corporation or unincorporated association not a named member of this Farm Bureau shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership, as determined by the Board, except the right to vote, if all the individual members of such partnership, closely held corporation or unincorporated association are members of this Farm Bureau in good standing in their individual capacities.

(d) A dependent member of the family household of a natural person, who is a member of this Farm Bureau, shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of the respective membership except the right to vote or hold office. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time under what circumstances an individual may be deemed to be a dependent member of the household.

Section 5. Dues. The annual county dues in this county Farm Bureau shall be based on the membership class, as outlined below, plus any amounts required to be forwarded to the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation for each member, including any costs for the AD&D program and Farm Bureau publications:

a. Voting Member: \$20.00

b. Friend of Farm Bureau Member: \$30.00

c. Subsequent member class or class subcategory created by PFB Board of Directors: As determined by county Board of Directors.

Section 5-6. Membership in Good Standing

A member of this ~~association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be in good standing if his membership is free from dues delinquency and not otherwise terminated, canceled, or in default of the date as to which the question of good standing is determined.

However, any definition of membership in good standing duly adopted and promulgated at any annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau shall be and become the definition of membership in good standing in this Farm Bureau. The foregoing rule shall also pertain where the matter of membership on good standing in the Farm Bureau is the basis for fixing a right to or a privilege of membership in any associated, affiliated, or subsidiary organization of this Farm Bureau, or of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Upon the request of any associated, affiliated, or subsidiary organization of this Farm Bureau, or of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, the Secretary of this Farm Bureau shall certify to the organization making such request a list of the members in good standing as of the date specified in such request.

Section 6 7 . Meetings

The annual meeting of members shall be held during the month of **August or September or** October of each year, the date and place to be selected by the Board of Directors

Section 7 8 . Notice

Notice of meetings of Members and of all matters concerning this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be deemed to have been duly given if notice thereof in writing has been placed in the mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known post office address **or emailed** of the Member; or, if notice thereof has been printed in the official publication of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** or the official publication of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau circulated among its Members in good standing. Notice of meetings of Members shall be given not less than ten nor more than forty days previous to such meeting.

Section 8. Voting

Members of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of Members of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** ~~except as otherwise provided in Section 1 and 2 of this Article.~~ At any such meeting such members may take part and vote in person ~~(By law change: Aug. 15, 1995).~~ Each Member shall have one vote.

Section 9. Privileges of the Floor

Members of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** in good standing shall be entitled to the privileges of the floor, subject to the rules governing the meeting.

Section 10. Quorum

Fifteen Regular members present in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business at any annual or special meeting, and the favorable vote of a Majority of such Members present in quorum shall be necessary for the determination of any matter, except that a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.

Section 11. Presiding Officer

The President, if present, shall preside at all meetings of the Members of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**. In his absence the next officer in due order who may be present shall preside and for such purpose the order of officers shall be as follows: President, (2) Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 14. Election of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Delegates

In connection with the annual meeting of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** due notice thereof having been given, one or more delegates shall be elected from and by the Members in good standing to represent the members of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau within the County of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, or the Members present in such meeting may provide that such delegates shall be elected by the Board of Directors of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, as provided in the By-Laws of said ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**. The number, qualifications, term of office, power and duties and voting power of such delegates shall conform to the By-Laws of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Article II Board of Directors

Section 1. Number and Authority

The business and property of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors of nine (9) Members. Directors shall hold office for a term of three (3) years and until their successor is elected and qualified. **A Director may be reelected to succeed themselves not more than two times so that they shall serve no more than nine (9) consecutive years.** Directors will be elected at large.

Section 2. Qualifications

~~The Members of the Board of Directors must be Voting Members of this Association in good standing.~~

The members of the Board of Directors, including the President and Vice President, must be voting members of this Farm Bureau in good standing who: (1) are actively engaged in the production of agricultural products; (2) were actively engaged in the production of agricultural products; or (3) who provides or has provided support services vital to the agricultural industry. The term "were actively engaged in the production of agricultural products" shall mean a person who devoted a substantial portion of their life to farming. In no event may a person whose interest may be in conflict with the interest of the Farm Bureau by reason of their employment, representation or contractual relationship with it or an affiliated company or association be eligible to serve in such capacity.

Section 3. Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, for the election of officers of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** and for the transaction of any other business. Such Board shall meet in regular session as often as may be necessary, to conduct the business of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**. The regular meeting of such Board shall be held on such dates and at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called by the Secretary upon request in writing signed by one-third (1/3) of the entire number of directors. Notice of meetings shall be given in such manner as the Board may from time to time determine. Attendance at any meeting shall constitute waiver of notice thereof.

Section 4. Quorum

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**. ~~A minority of the members of the Board present at any meeting may, in the absence of a quorum, adjourn to a later date.~~

Section 5. Failure to Attend Meetings

~~Continued failure on the part of a member of the Board of Directors to attend either regular or special meetings of the Board may in itself be deemed sufficient cause, at the discretion of the Board, to remove any such member from office and declare a vacancy but such action shall be by the vote of three-fourths of the entire number of the duly elected members of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 5. Removal from Office. The following shall constitute sufficient grounds for the removal from office of any officer or director without the necessity of a vote of the Board of Directors:

- (a) Death.
- (b) Being or becoming an employee of this Farm Bureau or of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.
- (c) Being or becoming a full or part-time employee or agent of any service affiliated with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.
- (d) Non-attendance of two successive Board of Directors' meetings for causes other than sickness.
- (e) Formal or written resignation.

On the happening of any of the grounds above set out, the same shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting and noted in the minutes of the said meeting.

Section 7. Cooperative Relations

The Board of Directors shall have authority and may establish and maintain cooperative relations with any Department, Bureau, Board, Division or Agency of the United States Government or of the State Government or agency of any political subdivision thereof This ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, in addition to becoming affiliated with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and with the American Farm Bureau Federation, shall also cooperate to the fullest possible extent with its respective County Agricultural Extension Association and Local and State Granges within the State of Pennsylvania and with such other organizations within the State which are seeking to advance the welfare of farmers.

ARTICLE III

Executive Committee

Section 1. Appointment

The Board of Directors may appoint from its members an Executive Committee of three (3) members, the members so appointed to serve upon such committee for one year or until the appointment of, and acceptance of such appointment by their duly qualified successors. The President and the Secretary of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be members, ex-officio, of the committee. Any member of the Executive Committee may at any time be removed by the Board of Directors by a majority vote and by a like vote the Board of Directors may fill all vacancies in the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Officers

The officers of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be a President, Vice-President (2), Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The President and Vice-President(s) shall be elected from within the membership of such Board.

Section 2. Qualifications

The President, Vice-President(s), Secretary and Treasurer must be voting Members of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** in good standing.

Section 3. President

The President shall be chief executive officer of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**. ~~He~~ **They** shall preside at all meetings of its Members, and at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. ~~He~~ **They** shall have general charge of the business of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, subject to the control of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

Section 5. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of Members, of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the meetings of Executive Committee and shall record all actions of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee in a book or books to be kept for that purpose. He shall attend to the giving of all notices required to be given. In addition, ~~he~~ **they** shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements and deposit all money, checks and other obligations to the credit of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** in such depository or depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee; shall disburse the funds of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** as ordered by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements; shall render a statement of account and transactions whenever required by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, and shall make a complete annual statement before each annual meeting of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, which shall be verified by a qualified auditor, to be selected by the Board of Directors; and generally shall perform all the duties incident to the position of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall be required by the Board of Directors to furnish a bond conditioned for the faithful accounting for the funds and property in his custody in such sum and with such surety or sureties as may be fixed and required by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. The premium on such bond shall be paid by this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**.

Section 8. Removal of Officers

Any officer of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** may be removed at any time by a two-third vote of the duly elected Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Finance and Commercial Activities

Section 1. Investments of Surplus Funds

Investments of surplus funds of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, over and above its cash requirements in its operations, may be made by the Treasurer of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, on its behalf and in its name. Other investment of surplus corporate funds, within the limitations of law, may be authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Investments in Stocks and Evidences of Indebtedness

Investments in stock and evidences of indebtedness of corporations whose activities will directly or indirectly promote agriculture, or the interests of those engaged therein, may be made on behalf of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** and in its name, upon consent at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose, of the Members entitled to elect directors, provided, always, that a quorum, as ascertained by these By-laws, be present at such meeting.

Section 3. Borrowing Funds

The Board of Directors may, upon consent of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** expressed by the vote of a majority of the Members thereof, present at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, provided always that a quorum be present, borrow money to be used solely for the purpose of this Association, and may pledge its property therefore.

Section 4. Distribution of Assets

No distribution of the property of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall be made until all debts are fully paid, and then only upon its final dissolution and surrender of organization and name, and as otherwise provided by law; nor shall any distribution be made except by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present in quorum. But this prohibition shall not operate to prevent this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, while acting in the capacity of agent, from receiving and distributing or disbursing any fund or funds.

Section 5. Commercial Activities

This ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, in carrying on or performing commercial services and activities, shall act as the agent of its Members and in case such commercial services and activities are made available to non-members, the value of business done with all of the non-members of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** during any fiscal year thereof shall not exceed in value the amount of such business done with Members during the same period. After all reasonable and proper costs of such commercial services and activities have been cared for and adequate reserves for losses have been set up and maintained, any net savings or earnings derived there from shall be paid to Members or this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** in good standing upon a patronage basis. Separate accounts may be maintained for the various activities engaged in and the net earnings there from paid only to those persons using the respective service. In case such services or activities are carried on or performed through any subsidiary or affiliate of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau**, the foregoing restricts shall apply thereto and in addition such subsidiary or affiliate shall not pay dividends on stock or membership capital in excess of eight per centum (8%) per annum.

ARTICLE VI Sundry Provisions

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall begin on the first day of October and terminate on the last day of September in each year.

Section 3. Organization Seal

The organization of this ~~Association~~ shall consist of two concentric circles, between which shall be the name of this ~~Association~~ and in the center shall be inscribed "Seal" and such seal, as impressed in the margin hereof, is hereby adopted as the seal of this ~~Association~~.

Section 5. Contributions

This ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** may receive, at the discretion of its board of Directors, voluntary contributions in support of its program of work and activities, and for special purposes.

Section 6. Remuneration

Members of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee and officers of this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** shall serve without remuneration, as such, but may be reimbursed at the discretion of the Board of Directors to cover necessary expense of travel and subsistence when serving this ~~Association~~ **Farm Bureau** under specific direction of the Board of Directors.



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BEDFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU
BOB DETWILER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bedford County



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Scholarship Amount: \$500

STUDENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ ACADEMIC GRADE LEVEL: _____

MAJOR – COURSE OF STUDY: _____

RULES:

APPLICANT MUST:

1. Be a current resident of Bedford County,
2. Be a graduate of a Bedford County High School (or a high school in a bordering county),
3. Have a parent or guardian that is a Bedford County Farm Bureau member,
4. Be registered as a full-time student for the current fall term (college, university or trade school),
5. Include with this application an essay (300 words maximum) of your past accomplishments in school, church, and community. You will be judged on the following 100-point system:
 - a. Scholastic Achievement (1-45)
 - b. Church and/or Community service (1-20)
 - c. Leadership (1-15)
 - d. Work Ethic (1-15), and
 - e. Neatness/Accuracy (1-5)
6. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY.**

I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST MEET ALL OF THE QUALIFICATIONS LISTED ABOVE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR COMPETING FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, AND IF I WIN AN AWARD, AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PUBLICITY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AWARD. I AM ELIGIBLE TO WIN THIS AWARD ONLY ONE TIME.

SIGNATURE

DATE

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 1, 2021

SEND TO:

Kayla Sphon
Bedford Farm Bureau
124 Giants Road
Bedford, PA 15522

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. 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
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 any county board member.

Deadline Approaching to Apply for Conservation Plan Reimbursements

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has more than \$530,000 still available to reimburse farmers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed for costs associated with developing conservation plans.

But be sure to apply right away. Plans must be submitted by May 31, 2021 to be eligible for reimbursement.

The Agricultural Plan Reimbursement Program reimburses 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.

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 or 717.721.6795.

Nominations Open for 2021 Leopold Conservation Award

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Pennsylvania Leopold Conservation Award.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the award recognizes farmers and forest landowners who inspire others with their dedication to land, water and wildlife habitat management on private, working land.

Sand County Foundation and national sponsor American Farmland Trust present the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners in 22 states for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In Pennsylvania, the \$10,000 award is presented in partnership with The Heinz Endowments and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. The application can be found at www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA.

The application deadline date is August 5, 2021. Applications can be emailed to award@sandcountyfoundation.org. If mailed, applications must be postmarked by Aug. 5, and mailed to:

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
c/o Joel Rotz
PO Box 8736
Camp Hill, PA 17001-8736

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
Good & Associates Inc.

343 Bedford St
Claysburg, PA 16625-8231
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Game Commission Gives Preliminary Approval to Species Expansion for Sunday Hunting

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners gave preliminary approval to a slew of changes to the seasons and bag limits for the upcoming 2021-2022 hunting season at their virtual meeting on Jan. 23. Included in these changes are the expansion of species that would be allowed to be hunted on two of the authorized Sundays.

The board approved a measure that would expand the species allowed to be hunted on Sunday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 21 to include most small game species, along with deer -archery and bear-firearms, which were allowed for the first time last season. The species to be added are squirrel, ruffed grouse, rabbit, ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, woodchuck (groundhog), opossum, striped skunk, weasel, raccoon and porcupine. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau submitted comments opposing this change.

Also approved were a 14-day concurrent antlered and antlerless deer season, a move to allow hunters to apply for and carry extra antlerless tags, and an extension to the DMAP application deadline, all of which Farm Bureau supports.

The 'unlimited' antlerless tag provision would allow hunters to purchase extra antlerless licenses over the counter starting on the second Monday of Sept. Hunters would be allowed to have four unfilled tags at a time, and could purchase more as they fill their tags, as long as there are tags still available. The PGC hopes to get more allocated antlerless tags filled during the hunting season with this change. The first three rounds of application would remain unchanged.

The board also approved an extension of the deadline for landowners to apply to enroll their properties in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). The annual deadline would be extended from May 1 to June 1.

All of the above changes are preliminary and would need to be approved at the next board meeting in April. Comments can be submitted to the board ahead of the meeting by emailing pgccomments@pa.gov.

Your County Farm Bureau Leaders have been involved in number of events in March. They included: Young Ag Professional Snow Tubing Night at Blue Knob, Western PA YAP Mini-Conference, Attending the Regional Farm Bureau Day and Meeting with Senator Langerholc.



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Upcoming Events:
❖ April 18-24
❖ April 22
❖ May 9
❖ May 18
❖ June 28 - 30

Rural Road Safety Week
Spring Informational Meeting
Mother's Day
Primary Election Day
Virtual Educator's Ag Institute