



CUMBERLAND COUNTY NEWSLETTER



Quarterly Newsletter of The Cumberland County Farm Bureau

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(717)805-3947*

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Cumberland County Members,

Due to the current events, this quarter's newsletter is only going out to members via email. Within this publication, you will find a couple of articles addressing resources available to you by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. With that being said, this publication was not able to address every resource available. So please do not hesitate to reach out to your board members with any needs that you, your family, or your business may have. We, like you, are also running businesses and caring for our families. We are all running into struggles of all different sorts during this time. This organization strives to meet the needs and positively represent our agricultural community within Cumberland County. The board members' phone numbers and emails are listed within this publication.

Wishing you all the best,

**Your Cumberland County Farm Bureau
Family**

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How COVID-19 Affects PFB

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies remain operational and are ready to serve you. However, there have been some changes to our operations due to Gov. Tom Wolf's order that all non-life-sustaining businesses close their physical locations. PFB's state office in Camp Hill is closed to comply with the governor's order. Staff will continue to conduct business and assist members via phone, email and other technology. Field staff, such as regional organization directors, will continue their normal activities but conduct business via phone or other technology as much as possible to avoid face-to-face meetings.

The 2020 State Legislative Conference and the FARMER Dinner were canceled. We are working with county Farm Bureau leaders to continue our grassroots advocacy via other channels. Meetings will be conducted via technology whenever possible.

Due to school closures, the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation's Ag Literacy Week and Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab visits have been postponed. The foundation staff is working with schools with ag lab visits scheduled through the end of the year regarding the best path forward through this ever-changing situation.

Despite these changes, PFB, its affiliated companies and the foundation remain committed to serving members. Below are details on contacting various departments within the organization.

Member Relations

PFB's Member Relations Division is working remotely and can be reached at 717.761.2740. You can also contact your Regional Organization Director.

Government Affairs and Communications

PFB Government Affairs and Communications staff are working remotely. Email is the quickest way to get answers to your inquiry.

If calling, please MAKE SURE to leave a voice mail, which will be returned as staff are available.

The department may be reached at 717.761.2740 or govcom@pfb.com. Or, the following staff members should be reached about the following topics:

Federal government affairs and regulatory questions: Kristina Watson, klwatson@pfb.com, 717.731.3585.

State government affairs, transportation and environmental issues: Darrin Youker, deyouker@pfb.com, 717.731.3582.

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Media inquiries, publications and communications: Liam Migdail, ldmigdail@pfb.com, 717.724.9425. MSC Business Services

MSCBS will remain in full operation but account supervisors will utilize technology as much as possible to avoid in-person meetings.

Contact them at 717.731.3517 for your business needs. You can also contact your account supervisor if you are already a client.

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Safemark is fully operational selling product and making deliveries. They can be reached at 717.724.9484. Contact them for your needs for tires and other equipment.

PFB Health Services

PFB Health Services is operational, but doing so remotely. They can be reached at 1.800.522.2375.

Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation

While educational events are on hold, the foundation staff are working remotely to plan for upcoming educational activities and to assist families with educational resources to help students learn about agriculture at home. Contact them at 717.761.2740.



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Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation Golf Outing Rescheduled for September

The 28th Annual Richard Prether Golf Classic, the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation's major fundraiser, has been rescheduled for Sept. 8 at Hershey Country Club's East Course.

The foundation, a charitable organization affiliated with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, carries out the mission of preserving and promoting agriculture.

Be sure to look for registration information in upcoming issues of Country Focus and Farm Bureau Express. Contact Natalie Slembariski at 717.731.3555 or NASlembariski@pfb.com for questions about sponsorships.

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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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Create a Grainger Account and Save

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members enjoy a number of special savings and discounts when shopping with Grainger.

Creating an account at www.grainger.com makes it easier to take advantage of all the deals available to PFB members. And remember, PFB members enjoy free shipping on all internet orders through Grainger. In addition, various tools are eligible for discounts of up to 50 percent.

Here's how to create an account:

- Go to www.grainger.com
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- Select "Company or Organization"
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Account Supervisors in Cumberland County

The Accountant Supervisors in Cumberland County – who can handle all of your tax planning/preparation, accounting and business needs –are ready to lend a hand.

Seth D. Wierwille
Account Supervisor

Phone: 717-795-4964

Help Available for Affected Businesses

Assistance and resources are available for farms and businesses that have been financially affected by steps to control the spread of COVID-19.

- Small businesses and non-profits that are facing losses due to COVID-19 can apply for low-interest loans to help cover their continued operating costs. Loans of up to \$2 million are available through the U.S. Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. As of mid-April, most production agriculture operations were not eligible for such loans but many related businesses are, such as restaurant and craft beverage businesses. Farm Bureau is advocating for more agricultural operations to be eligible. Learn more and apply at www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19.

- Eligible businesses, including farms, with 500 or fewer employees can apply for fully-forgivable Paycheck Protection Program loans from the SBA to continue to pay employees and cover some overhead costs during the pandemic. Sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed people are also eligible. Loan payments will be deferred for six months and no collateral or personal guarantees are required. Farm Bureau is advocating to ensure there are not

further restrictions on the program that would limit agricultural participation. Learn more at www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp.

- Learn more about state financial resources for affected businesses at dced.pa.gov/funding-programs.

- USDA Rural Development has created a resources page for customers affected by COVID-19. Learn more at rd.usda.gov/coronavirus.

- The state Office of Unemployment Compensation has important resources available for affected employers. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2UMmg2O>.

MSC Business Services Gives Tax Advice with Deadline Extension

Even though the state and federal government have extended the tax filing deadline to July 15, farmers and small business owners should plan on filing their taxes as soon as possible, according to MSC Business Services.

The Internal Revenue Services is still processing refunds at their typical pace—usually in about two weeks. If taxpayers expect that they will be owed a refund, filing as soon as possible will ensure that critical cash on hand is received quickly.

But even if taxpayers expect that they will owe taxes, filing sooner rather than later is still a smart strategy. Tax payments will not be due until July 15. Filing as soon as possible will let taxpayers know how much they owe, but still give them until July 15 to gather funds to make the payment.

Waiting to file or complete the paperwork will only add to that uncertainty.

“There is a lot of business uncertainty right now. The last thing that farmers and small business owners need is further uncertainty around their tax liability,” said Michael Volinski, manager of MSC Business Services. “Even if you have to make a payment, the best strategy is to file now and give yourself extra time to collect money for that payment.”

MSC Business Services staff are busy filing taxes and meeting with clients to discuss their taxes and options. To learn how MSCBS can help your farm or small business visit: mscbusiness.net.