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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event

Meetings at the Gahr home at 7:00pm- Future dates
Jan 22nd and Feb. 26th

Merry Christmas-Dec.25th

Happy New Year-Jan 1st,2025

AFBF -Annual Meeting-Jan.24-29th 2025-San Antonio
Tx

Bridging the Future-Feb 21st-23rd

Region 6 Farm Bureau Days-March 13th,2025

**If interested in registering for any event go to PFB
website or get a hold of a board member**

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Elk County Delegates Work to Pass Policies at Annual Meeting

3 Elk County members traveled to Hershey to join others from the state to help and develop over 150 policies. The policies covered included wildlife , energy ,taxes ,and more. State policies will be added to the PFB State policy book. The federal policies will be discussed at this years AFBF meeting in San Antonio ,Texas in January.. Thank you to Ernie Mattiuz, Rick Taylor, and Ray McMinn for attending this year's meeting

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President Chris Hoffman reelected as PFB State President

HERSHEY – Juniata County farmer Chris Hoffman has been re-elected President of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) by voting delegates on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the 74th Annual Meeting of the state's largest farm organization. Hoffman's term is for two years.

"I am extremely grateful and excited to be re-elected to the office of President of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau," Hoffman said. "The past two years have been years of growth as we have worked diligently to grow our membership and our influence to build the meaningful relationships required to move agriculture forward. I am excited to keep working to advocate for Farm Bureau members to continue the positive trajectory of our organization."

Hoffman has been heavily involved with Farm Bureau for more than 30 years, serving on PFB's State Board of Directors for 13 years and as a member of the board's Executive Committee.

Article from PFB.com website

Secretary Of Agriculture Russell Redding-Distinguished Service to Ag

HERSHEY – Pennsylvania Farm Bureau presented its Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award to Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding on Monday, Nov. 18, during its 74th Annual Meeting in Hershey. The prestigious honor recognizes an individual whose dedicated work and service has significantly advanced agriculture across the Commonwealth.

Redding, a native of Adams County, humbly reflected on his agricultural journey, gratitude for the recognition.

"To have your vocation and avocation be the same is a gift," Redding said. "As a young FFA member of the Battlefield Chapter in Gettysburg, when I stood up and said the FFA creed, I believed in the future of agriculture—not just in words, but in deeds. Those deeds have defined my journey."

Born and raised on a dairy farm, Redding's passion for agriculture was ignited early. He pursued his education at Penn State University, earning degrees in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Economics, before embarking on a distinguished career that spans agribusiness, agricultural policy, and public service.

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His journey includes various roles with U.S. Senator Harris Wofford and Governors Tom Ridge, Tom Wolf, and Josh Shapiro. Between his governmental roles, Redding served as Dean of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at Delaware Valley University, further exemplifying his dedication to nurturing future agricultural leaders.

Throughout his career, Redding has remained steadfast in his commitment to addressing the evolving challenges Pennsylvania agriculture faces. From rising land prices and regulatory issues, to meeting consumer expectations, he has championed solutions to ensure a bright future for farmers and communities across the state.

Some of Redding's greatest achievements include the creation of the Pennsylvania Farm Bill and his efforts to help producers incorporate environmental stewardship and best management practices on farms. Redding has been instrumental in creating mental health support services, including the AgriStress HelpLine for Pennsylvania farmers. He has also worked diligently to expand the farmland preservation efforts across the state.

Reflecting on his years of service, Redding emphasized the resilience and innovation of Pennsylvania's agricultural community.

"Every generation has confronted the big questions of how to sustain and grow agriculture," Redding said. "I am inspired every time I meet first-generation farmers, 10th-generation farmers, and others who are committed to contributing to our food system. Their dedication gives me confidence in a brighter future."

Redding credited his wife, Nina, for her unwavering support throughout his career.

"She has been my partner in every step of this journey, from dairy farming to policy work," Redding said. "This recognition is shared with her."

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau thanks Secretary Redding for his exceptional leadership, vision, and unwavering dedication to agriculture in Pennsylvania. His work has left an indelible mark on the industry and continues to inspire others to believe in its future.

About the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award honors individuals who have significantly contributed to the advancement of agriculture in Pennsylvania through their leadership, advocacy, and lifelong dedication to the industry. **Article from PFB.com**





Volunteers Needed for Ag literacy week!!!

March 17-21st

If you would like to volunteer for this years Ag Literacy week and assist reading in the classrooms please contact Amanda Balon at 814-335-0804 or ambalon46@gmail.com



Elk County Farm Bureau would like to Thank all of its members and volunteers for a great year! May the New Year bring you Happiness and Joy !!!

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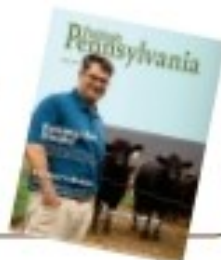


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