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Fall Annual Meeting



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Butler County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
Date: Thursday October 03, 2024
Fellowship begins at 6:00PM Dinner at 7:00PM

Prospect Fire Hall

373 Main Street, Prospect, PA

Dinner \$20/person

Make Checks Payable to "BCFB"

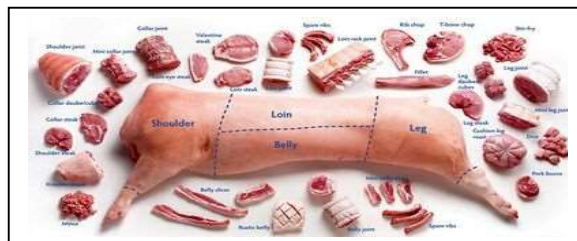
RSVP by September 27, 2024 to Evelyn Minter 724-679-8169



**Raffle
 Tickets will
 be available**



**By-Law
 Changes**



Elections

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SAVE THE DATE

Butler Fall Festival
Agriculture Adventure Area
Provided by Butler County Farm
Bureau WLC
September 28, 2024

Butler County Farm Bureau Member
Annual Meeting
October 3, 2024
Prospect Firehall

PENNSYLVANIA FARM BUREAU ANNUAL
MEETING
NOVEMBER 16 – 18
HERSHY LODGE, HERSHEY, PA

Planting for the Future
BCFB Spring Meeting
May 17, 2025
Butler Farm Show

Butler Hospital Farm Market
September 19, 2024
October 24, 2024
November 21, 2024
See Below for Information on Participation

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PROMOTING AGRICULTURE AND OUR FARMERS

Butler Memorial Hospital Farmer's Market

We have introduced this bag as an opportunity to promote our farmers, their markets etc. when the farmer is not able to directly participate in the market. When you contribute to the bag, we include information in the bag on your products, location etc.

Contributors to the bag are paid for their product after the bags are sold.

We look to keep the cost of the bag to \$25, it can include product from only 1 farmer or multiple farmers.

If you would like the opportunity to participate in the future:
Please contact Linda (724-272-5595 or James Halstead (724-882-4253)

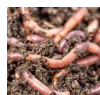


EDUCATING CHILDREN ON WHERE THEIR FOOD COMES FROM AND CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE

Butler Fall Festival Agriculture Adventure Area SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

11:00am – 6:00pm

Participants:



Suburban Animal Clinic
Girl on the Hill
Mars Space Pioneers– 4H
Thompson Farm Volant
Tyler Anderson, ROD
Tim's Worms and More
Suzanne Shea, Soil Food Web



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INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THIS GREAT EVENT CONTACT LINDA HALSTEAD 724-272-5595

FREE VENDOR SPACE FOR ALL MEMBERS – MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, APPRECIATED AND WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS

SAVE THE DATE May 17, 2025 Butler Farm Show Planting For The Future

FREE to the Public **Agricultural Education**
Promote Local Business

Family Fun



Food Trucks



Women's Leadership Committee
Planting Seeds for Future Generations



Hello,

We were fortunate to reach and educate approx. 3,000 members of our community on April 20, 2024, the first year of our Planting for the Future event. We also raised approx. \$5,000 for Ronald McDonald House, promoted local businesses and had a great time.

We would like to invite you all to join us on May 17, 2025, we would love for you all to be a part of this event, to share your stories with the public and help us educate as many as possible on where their food comes from and how great it is that we have the ability to buy our food locally from the farmers who grow it.



POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Is there something you would like to see changed?
Here is your chance!
Please submit prior to Fall Meeting, Oct 3rd.
See Procedure Below
Contact Evelyn Minter with your thoughts:
742-679-8169

ELECTIONS

The following board members will be seeking re-election:

Evelyn Minter – Director
William Thiele – Director

Zach Speer will not be running for re-election.

Policy Development and You
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

Step 1
A policy idea comes from you.

Step 2
The idea is developed into a formal resolution.

Step 3
County Farm Bureau members vote on resolutions. Approved local resolutions become county policy. Endorsed state and national resolutions are submitted for further consideration.

Step 4
The State Policy Development Committee ensures submitted resolutions are suitable for consideration by the state's voting delegates.

Step 5
State Delegates vote on resolutions. Approved state resolutions become state policy. Endorsed national resolutions are submitted for consideration to the American Farm Bureau.

Step 6
Farm Bureau members and select employees advocate for our policy positions.



Sign up via text:
**Text "PFB
ALERTS" to
833.554.0849**

PFB keeps members informed through our print and digital communications. But sometimes, there's news you need to know right away. That's why we've developed PFB text message alerts to send important updates right to your phone.

No one likes spam and that's why we'll make sure to limit the number of texts you receive from us. You can expect to receive up to approximately five texts per month about major developments such as limited time opportunities and/or grants, major news that affects agriculture, changes in laws or regulations that affect your operation, significant updates on our advocacy efforts and opportunities to engage with Farm Bureau.

As the program develops, you may have opportunities to sign up for additional text alerts about topics you're interested in. PFB may text you to let you know about opportunities to sign up for additional texts about certain subjects but will never sign you up without your permission.

We are a grass roots organization, please sign up for these alerts and if you can, pick up the phone and talk with your local law makers, or better yet stop in and see them, tell them your stories. Help them understand why we need their support on the issues at hand.

Feel free to contact our Governmental Affairs Chair

William Thiele if you have questions or would like to participate more.



Bylaw Changes

The following changes are being proposed to Butler County Farm Bureau Bylaws, these changes will be voted on at our annual meeting on October 3, 2024 at the Prospect Fire Hall.

The recent state bylaws changes deleted the former “Friend of Farm Bureau” category, created a definition for “member in good standing,” provided for a member suspension and expulsion process, and clarified conflict provisions for state directors. Consequently, counties have discretion to implement similar changes to their county bylaws. Notably, many counties already have language indicating that any “member in good standing” definition adopted by PFB shall automatically apply at the county level. Thus, PFB’s recent change to the definition of “member in good standing” already applies to such counties, (*Butler Counties Bylaws follow the states definition*).

Article II Membership, Section 2 Classes

Remove Friends of Farm Bureau

Section 6. Dues. a. Voting Member:

County Portion Dues Amount.

b. Remove Friends of Farm Bureau

Section 8. Expulsion.

A member who is not in good standing may be expelled by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of the Board if the Board believes that the member’s transgression is serious enough, provided that notice and a hearing are given to the member. The notice shall include, with sufficient detail, the reason and relevant dates for potential expulsion. The Board shall issue and provide to the member a written decision within 30 days of the hearing.

Section III

Board of Directors

Section 2. Qualifications

For purposes of this section, a “conflict” shall be deemed to exist where a person is employed by or serves as an independent contractor or agent with: (1) this Farm Bureau; (2) Pennsylvania Farm Bureau; (3) American Farm Bureau Federation; (4) any charitable foundation, subsidiary, or related organization of either Pennsylvania Farm Bureau or American Farm Bureau Federation; or (5) any company in a contractual relationship with this Farm Bureau or the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau where the contract is valued in excess of \$500,000 annually. Volunteer work for or on behalf of any of the previously listed entities shall not be deemed a conflict. For potential conflicts involving a contract valued under \$500,000, the PFB conflict of interest policy and related disclosures shall apply.

Additionally, counties are encouraged to consider making other bylaws changes not directly related to the recent state amendments. These changes are: electronic notice; quorum requirements; the number of Board Directors; and Treasurer bonding requirements. These suggested changes stem from common questions and issues raised by counties in recent years. Changes in [Blue](#).

Section 8. Meetings.

Section 8. Meetings. The annual meeting of voting members shall be held in [September or October of each year](#), the date and place to be selected by the Board of Directors. Regular and special meetings of voting members may be called by the President, or by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, and shall be called by the President upon written request signed by at least one-fourth of the voting members.

Section 9. Notice.

Notice of meetings of voting members and all matters concerning this Farm Bureau shall be deemed to have been duly given by: (1) placing in the mail, postage prepaid, to the last known post office address of the voting member, at least 20 days prior to such meeting, notice thereof in writing; or (2) [email to a voting member’s last known email address, at least 20 days prior to such meeting or matter. A notice of a meeting or matter appearing printed in an official publication of this Farm Bureau, mailed or emailed to voting members in good standing at least twenty 20 days prior to the meeting or matter shall be deemed to comply with this provision.](#)

Section 1. Quorum.

[Twenty of the voting members 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

Article II Board of Directors

Section 1. Number and Authority.

The business and property of this Farm Bureau shall be managed and controlled [by a Board of Directors of 9 voting members](#) to be elected at the annual meeting of this Farm Bureau. In addition, if there is a county women’s or leadership committee, the chair(s) shall be an ex-officio member of the board of directors with voting powers. The term of office of directors shall be three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 3. Election of Directors.

At the first meeting of voting members, and at each annual meeting of voting members thereafter, a Board of Directors shall be elected to serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified. [All elections for directors shall be by verbal vote or by ballot, which may be accomplished by mail or electronic ballot methods](#), unless this rule is waived by unanimous consent of all voting members present or by proxy.



Section 4. Meetings.

The Board of Directors shall meet as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of this Farm Bureau and shall meet in regular session as often as may be necessary, to conduct the business of this Farm Bureau. The regular meetings 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 of the entire number of directors. Notice of meetings shall be given in such manner as provided in Article II, Section 9. Attendance at any meeting shall constitute waiver of notice thereof.

Section 5. Quorum.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the directors in attendance at any meeting, shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action. A minority of the board present at any meeting may, in absence of a quorum, adjourn to a later date, but may not transact any business. Section 6. 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 the Pennsylvania Farm B

ARTICLE V Officers

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 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 Farm Bureau as ordered by the Board of Directors, or the 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 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 the Treasurer's 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 Farm Bureau

Article VIII Amendment of Bylaws

Section 3. Study Committee

To ensure the bylaws are relevant and effectual, the President shall appoint a bylaws study committee no less than every third year

Additional Recommendation made by Planning Committee:

Article V

Officers

Section 3 President

Addition: Term Limits of not more than 8 years

Section 4 Vice President

Addition: Term Limits of not more than 8 years.

Complete copies of the bylaws including changes will be available at the Annual Meeting, if you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact

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HAVE YOU EVER INVITED SOMEONE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF BUTLER COUNTY FARM BUREAU?

Contact Evelyn Minter at bcfb.info@gmail.com or
call her at 724-679-8169

Why Farmers Should

Become Members

Farm Bureau members are **leading together**. When farmers notice a problem, they want to fix it. Sometimes, the problems are too big for one farmer to fix. The members of Farm Bureau are working together to make real change to advance agriculture in Pennsylvania. Whether it's easing regulations on high tunnels, changing a law to allow wider equipment on the roads, or making it easier to expand agritourism, we're leading the way forward together. When one member has an idea, thousands of members make it a reality. Join us by becoming a member of Farm Bureau today and take advantage of benefits such as:

- The united voice of Pennsylvania's largest general farm organization advocating for you.
- The opportunity to shape the future of Pennsylvania agriculture through Farm Bureau's grassroots advocacy and policy development. Your membership gives you a voice in shaping Farm Bureau's advocacy
- A chance to network with farmers across the nation and build relationships with elected officials at every level of government.
- Access to important information to help you manage and improve your operation.
- Your share of \$2.5 million in annual savings available through dozens of member benefits as well as local discounts.
- Opportunities to educate consumers about agriculture through initiatives like Ag Literacy Week, the Mobile Ag Lab program, and more than 160 county outreach events.

Why Everyone Should

Become Members

You don't have to be a farmer to be a Farm Bureau member. Farm Bureau members care about the stories behind their food and drink and are dedicated to supporting the farmers who make it all happen. Their membership supports our efforts to preserve the state's agricultural heritage and ensure that family farms can continue to produce local food, grow their communities and promote responsible stewardship of the land and natural resources. At the same time—through *Positively Pennsylvania* magazine—our non-farming members get the inside scoop on farm-to-table cuisine, craft beverages and farm-fresh food right from the people with the most intimate knowledge of Pennsylvania food culture: our state's farmers. That's in addition to the wide range of benefits that come with Farm Bureau membership—from a major discounts on amusement park tickets to savings on vehicles, utilities, prescription drugs, hotels, car rentals, household supplies and more many more everyday purchases. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's mission is simple: Growing Communities. Many Voices. United Vision. We believe that's a cause that everyone—not just farmers—can get behind. Farm Bureau members play an important role in our efforts that extend far beyond agriculture, from our annual charitable campaign to benefit Ronald McDonald House charities to our advocacy to get farm-fresh products into food banks and for rural communities to have access to quality health care, infrastructure and internet access.

Got some ideas!

Thoughts on how we can better educate, advocate and promote agriculture and our member's local businesses.

Please give us a call, we would love to hear from you.

If you have a specific talent, love to work with children, are particularly good at marketing, advertising or promoting, or just have two hands and a desire to participate, we welcome you all.

Our Farmer's and Businesses need you.

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Member Benefits

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau knows you work hard for your money and your membership should too. Visit www.pfb.com/services or scan the QR code to see how to get your share of **\$2.7 million** in **annual savings**.



To redeem discounts, use the required codes, websites, and/or phone numbers found by logging into the Members Only website at www.pfbmembers.org.

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Publication

PFB adds value to membership and keeps members informed through a variety of print and digital publications. Members receive 5% off advertising rates in our print publications. Contact advertising coordinator for details.

A total \$6 portion of annual member dues covers subscriptions to *Positively Pennsylvania*. Members receive 4 issues of *Positively Pennsylvania* per year on a quarterly basis. Publication frequency and details are subject to change.



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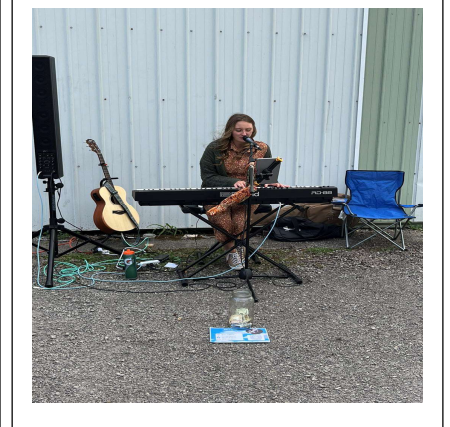
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Thank you, PA State Rep. Marci Mustello for including us in your Family Fun Night and all the other help you provide.



THANK YOU!

Butler County Farm Bureau would like to thank all our farmers, members, law makers, local business, agriculture advocates and educators for all you do to keep us all fed and the wheels moving in our great county!

Thank you to our board, committee members and volunteers, we value and appreciate all you do to help us educate, advocate and promote, as we continue

“PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE”.

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In June 2021, Gov. Tom Wolf signed [legislation to limit civil liability for farms engaged in agritourism](#). Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's advocacy leadership played a key role in securing this long-sought victory for Pennsylvania agriculture. The [new law](#), Act 27 of 2021, gives agritourism operations reasonable protection from lawsuits arising from circumstances beyond their control. However, there are certain steps agritourism operators must take to receive this protection. PFB has [signs available for purchase](#), along with wristband tickets, that meet the requirements of the new law and has put together a helpful guide to help agritourism operators ensure they are taking the proper steps to ensure they are protected.

See the guide below for guidance on using the signs in conjunction with a warning message printed on tickets.
PDA Hayride Attraction Regulation

[Documents & FAQs](#)

Agritourism Law Webinar with PFB's Joe Montenegro and Penn State Law's Brook Duer

How can I get signs?

Signs are compliant with the sign posting requirements of Act 27 and **cost \$65 each** plus shipping. The 24-inch by 36-inch signs are constructed from .040 aluminum and have 3/4-inch, rounded corners. They are waterproof and UV safe and are guaranteed to last a minimum of five years and not rust.

[Purchase Warning Signs](#)



How can I get wristbands?

Outside (top) displays PFB logo and inside (bottom) of band displays visitor agreement.

Wristbands are compliant with Act 27 and **cost 4.9 cents** each plus shipping.

The 1" x 10" wristbands are made from Tyvek ® and include the necessary legal disclaimer, in the correct font size and bold type, on the back.

To order, please contact Ginny Keever at vkkeever@pfb.com or [717-731-3540](tel:717-731-3540).

BUTLER COUNTY NATIONWIDE INSURANCE FARM CERTIFIED AGENTS

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201 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001

Daniel Edward Conville Agency

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- 464 S. Washington Street, Eau Claire, PA 16030
- 237 E. Main Street, Evans City, PA 16033

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