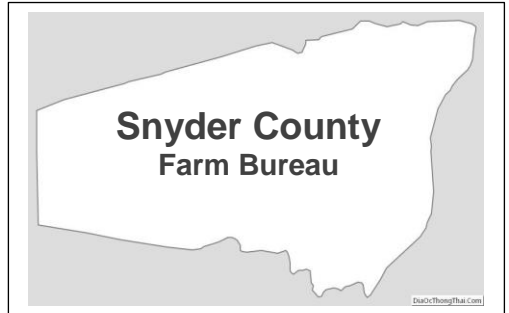


Snyder County Farm Bureau

Summer Newsletter

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Letter from the President



Hello Snyder County Farm Bureau Members,



I hope you all are managing well in this summer heat! As much as I am enjoying the longer days, I am also looking forward to the cooler days that harvest and post-harvest season inevitably has in store for us. Since our last newsletter, there has been several upcoming events and developments that we're eager to share with you all.

I can't believe we are officially in the 2024-2025 new membership drive as of July 1st! If you aren't familiar, this is the perfect time to sign up any new Farm Bureau members, as they get half a year for free as new members! The longer you wait, the less value they get, so be sure to sign up any new folks you have in mind as soon as you can. We are always looking for new blood as members and new volunteers at the county and state levels, so please let us know if you have any questions about the process. You're welcome to be involved as much or as little as you wish.

Back in April, we had a wonderful Clay Shoot for our

members at the Kreamer Sportman Club. We had great attendance, and we hope to make this a yearly thing. It was wonderful getting to know our newer and long-time members and I can't wait to shoot again with you all again next year.

Be sure to come out to our upcoming legislative event at the Spangler's Farm on Thursday, August 1. Ice cream will be provided for free and it will be a great opportunity for us to engage our elected officials on what challenges we face as producers and what is relevant to our daily lives. This is the first time we've put on one of these events in a while, so please come out! Reach out to a board member if you did not receive an invite and wish to attend.

Last but not least, congratulations to our scholarship winner this year! The board and I were happy to provide this opportunity to our future and current agricultural college students from Snyder County and we hope it helps you during your journey in higher education. This is another opportunity we hope to run on a yearly basis, so keep an eye on your future county newsletters if you missed it this

year.

As always, thank you for being a member and your continued support. We couldn't advocate for Pennsylvania agriculture without you!

Sincerely,

*Ethan Howard, President
Snyder County Farm Bureau*

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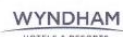


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Educators Immerse in Agricultural Learning at 2024 Ag Institute

More than 30 Teachers from across Pennsylvania gathered at Penn State University to get a better understanding about the world of agriculture and how to implement it into their classrooms. The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation Educator's Ag institute provides PreK-12th teachers, pre-service teachers and informal community educators a unique learning experience.

To start off the institute, the attendees of Educator's Ag Institute 1.0 arrived on June 23. First-time attendees of the event attended Educator's Ag Institute 1.0. Registration was full of new, excited faces, eager and ready to learn. Each attendee even got to take a gift bag with an array of resources and goodies for them to utilize in their classrooms.

Educator's Ag Institute 2.0 arrived on June 26. Like Educator's Ag Institute 1.0, they also were provided with resources and attended multiple tours and presentations. It was amazing to see all the diverse types of educators that made their way to the event, and each of their backgrounds.

Over the course of the week, the attendees ventured on several tours ranging from Way's Fruit Farm to Brush Mountain Bison and Hemp Farm in Centre County. Each farm unique, showing various aspects of the agriculture industry. Many of the attendees were amazed with just how much went into the

agriculture industry and were beaming with questions. The attendees were even able to take a close look at how the dairy and poultry farms operated at Penn State University. Not to mention a deep dive into the beautiful collection of plants at the PSU Arboretum. Teachers were also able to experience the foundation's Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab during the visit to Way's Fruit Farm.

As far as educational presentations, the topics covered many aspects of the agriculture industry and touched on how to implement them into the classroom. The attendees learned about landscaping, sustainability, forestry, aeroponics and many more valuable topics to bring into the classroom.

When it comes to the educational presentations the local 4-Hers went above and beyond and even brought their 4-H projects. The 4-H'ers were more than happy to help teach the attendees about agriculture. There were eight groups, and the attendees were encouraged to ask the 4-H'ers questions to help them grow their communication skills and confidence. Each group had a chance to talk to all the teachers and did an outstanding job explaining all aspects of the species from breeds, by-products and even how to show them.

There are so many children and adults to this day that don't know where their food comes from. Ag literacy is a

huge topic in the agriculture industry and across the world. By doing our part to help educate the younger generation we are building a brighter future. All the attendees are helping to do their part and help to educate the youth. All it takes is one person talking about agriculture to spark the conversation. Without agriculture we wouldn't be able to feed the world. So, by educating the children of today, we can look towards a better future.

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