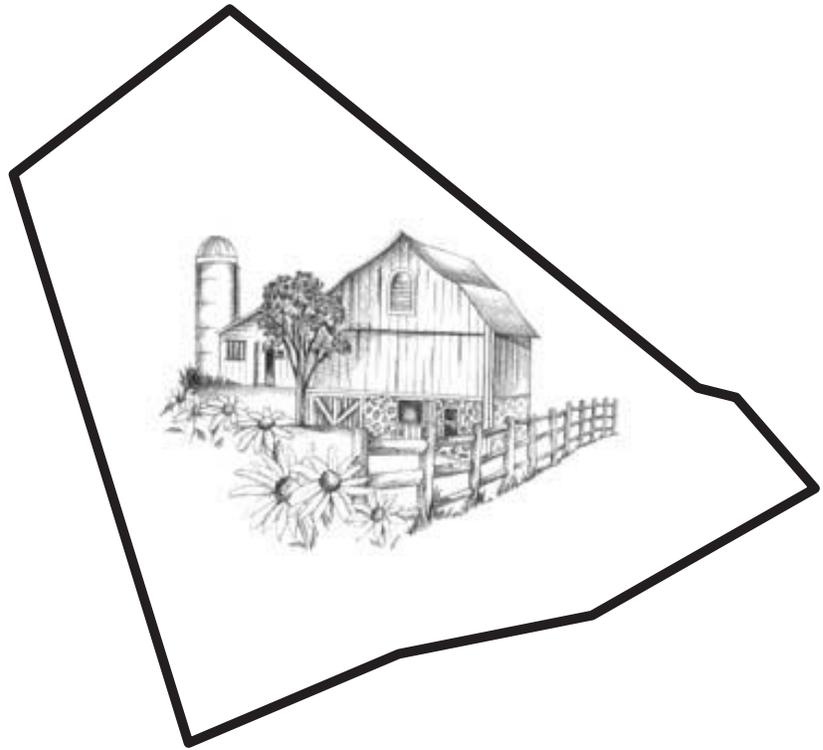


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# Lebanon County Farm Bureau Summer 2021 Newsletter

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## **Summer Legislative Tour Planned**

Every year, as our elected officials recess for the summer, we like to take advantage of the opportunity and host a legislative tour to interact and discuss agricultural issues.

**When: Monday, August 23, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M**  
**Where: SNAVELY'S MILL, INC. (formerly Curry)**  
**338 N. Railroad St. Palmyra, PA 17038**

All Lebanon County Farm Bureau members with questions or concerns are invited to participate in the tour and discussion. Members will meet in the Mill's parking lot at 10 a.m. and listen to a presentation on the business prior to entering the facility (the noise level inside the mill is high). Parking will be at the nearby former Railroad Station. The mill tour will last until approximately 11 a.m. Upon conclusion of the tour, the group will walk to the adjoining former Railroad Station for discussion of current issues. At noon there will be a light lunch provided by the Lebanon County Farm Bureau.

Reservations are appreciated. Contact Jeff Werner at [werneracres@gmail.com](mailto:werneracres@gmail.com) or by calling 717-865-5727.

## **Let Your Voice Be Heard During Policy Development**

One of the many things that make Farm Bureau a great organization is that it is completely driven by the grassroots. Everything the Farm Bureau organization supports and opposes is determined by the farmer members. This is all done through a process known as policy development. It all starts with an issue. That issue is addressed with a policy and if passed at the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau annual meeting, this policy becomes an official stance of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. The organization's members and directors of government affairs can then discuss these policies with our elected officials and encourage them to create solutions for these problems. Are you running into issues on your farm that are a detriment to your ability to successfully and effectively farm? We want to know about it! Contact Board Vice President and Policy Development Chair Tim Crouse at 717-454-9956. Let's create solutions to the problems we are facing and make agriculture a stronger industry for ourselves and future generations. Policy ideas must be submitted by August 28<sup>th</sup> to be considered at the Lebanon County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

## **LEBANON COUNTY FARM BUREAU PICNIC**

**DATE: Saturday August 28, 2021 TIME: 11:00am**

**LOCATION: Cowrageous Picnic Grove**

**ADDRESS: 535 Rexmont Rd, Lebanon PA 17042**

**RSVP: By August 14th to Tracy Heagy at 717-865-0703  
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There will be a free catered lunch for members and their families courtesy of local agribusinesses. Picnic tables will be available for seating under an outside pavilion, but members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs as well. There are bathroom facilities with hand washing availability at the pavilion. There will be a brief member meeting and activities will be provided for children.

During the brief member meeting, we will be voting on new terms for 6 board members. If any voting member is interested in being nominated for a 2-year term or has questions about what the position entails, they are encouraged to contact board President, Curtis Martin, @ 717.507.0589. In addition to being a board member, there are many opportunities to get involved on committees. These include committees to visit legislators, plan events, educate consumers, and much more. See any board member for more on how you can make your organization yours!

## **Agritourism Civil Liability Reform Signed Into Law**

Pennsylvania farm families will have more opportunity to diversify their businesses and connect with their communities around food and agriculture thanks to a new law that addresses a significant legal barrier to offering agritourism activities. Gov. Tom Wolf recently signed legislation to enact commonsense legal protections for agritourism—one of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's top legislative priorities for close to a decade—following its passage by the General Assembly. PFB worked closely with state Rep. Barb Gleim to introduce the legislation, House Bill 101.

The law's adoption is a major victory for Pennsylvania agriculture and PFB's grassroots advocacy. Farmers have sought for years secure civil liability limits for agritourism to help family farms remain viable through a changing farm economy and connect with their communities around family fun and local food. PFB led the effort to put momentum behind the measure, making it a priority of the organization's grassroots advocacy campaign and holding a news conference last fall to build support.

"This commonsense legal reform will help Pennsylvania's family farms preserve their futures so they can continue to grow their rural communities and enhance our state's agricultural heritage," PFB President Rick Ebert said. "Farmers prioritize safety; but farms are natural environments and it's impossible to eliminate every hazard. This reform will enable Pennsylvania farm families to safely invite the public to experience agriculture without having to risk their farms' futures or pay cost-prohibitive insurance premiums."

The law offers commonsense legal protection to farms that invite the public onto their property for agritourism activities, such as corn mazes, pick-your-own produce, hayrides, and similar attractions. Specifically, farms that offer agritourism activities will now have reasonable protection from lawsuits that arise from circumstances beyond their control and in which no party is at fault as long as they warn visitors of the inherent risks of being on a farm, such as uneven ground, weather, and unpredictable animals.

At the same time, farmers will still need to take reasonable steps to ensure guest safety. The law does not give farms a free pass from ensuring guest safety and farms can still be held accountable if they fail to fix or warn patrons of obvious and dangerous safety risks. The measure is modeled off similar laws already on the books in at least 20 other states, including New York and Ohio.



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## **Pa. House Passes Bill to Allow Heavier Loads of Spring Planting Materials**

The state House of Representatives has passed legislation supported by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau that would allow for transportation of heavier loads of spring planting materials.

Representatives voted 122-79 in favor of House Bill 1232, sponsored by Rep. Jason Silvis of Westmoreland County. The measure now heads to the state Senate for consideration.

The bill would create a seasonal overweight permit for the movement of up to 95,000 pounds of lime, fertilizer and/or seed between March and June. PFB believes this would help farmers get ready for spring planting with fewer truck trips.

## **Solar Bonding Legislation Gets Committee Approval**

Legislation supported by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau that would ensure agricultural land can be properly restored after hosting solar energy installations has cleared its first hurdle in the General Assembly. Senate Bill 284, sponsored by Sen. Gene Yaw of Lycoming County, was OK'd by the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee with a 7-4 vote. The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

In addition to establishing requirements for how farmland should be restored after solar installations are decommissioned, the legislation would require that solar developers be bonded to protect landowners in the event that the solar company goes out of business. Bonding would ensure that landowners do not become financially responsible for removal and disposal of out-of-service solar equipment on their property in such cases.

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