

Newsletter of the Mercer County Farm Bureau

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December 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

MCFB Board Meeting

County Board meets 7:30 p.m., the first Monday of the month, at the Pig Barn, Munnell Run Farm

Dec. 28

Deadline to receive 3 % discount on twine order. Contact Larry Moose.

Dec. 31

Deadline for PFB
Membership dues to
receive additional
money in insurance
policy.

March 15

Deadline for twine orders to be placed with Larry Moose 724-944-2666 or Imooseacres@gmail.

TRACTOR AND TINSEL

The Mercer County Ag Development Council hosted the "Tractors and Tinsel Drive-Thru Parade" at the Stoneboro Fairgrounds. Holiday revelers were treated to a plethora of amazing light displays as they traversed the fairgrounds. Traffic was backed on Rte. 62 in both directions and was steady from dusk until after 9 p.m. Tractors, sprayers, combines, grain trucks, and other heavy equipment were decked out in their holiday finest.

Parade goers were able to learn about the equipment by tuning into station 91.5 on their car radios. Patrons were given a treat bag at the end of the route and were the opportunity to donate canned goods or money. The Ag Council planned on giving collected items to the needy. Mercer County Farm Bureau was

represented as they entered a float using the theme "Winter Wonderland". The picture to the left is of Farm Bureau member Terry Shearer's Participants are already planning for 2023!

WELCOME BACK

Steve Paxton of Irishtown Acres was recently re-elected as the president of the Mercer County Farm Bureau. Thank you for your continued willingness to serve in this position. Your leadership is appreciated!

DUES DUE

There are a few days left to take advantage of paying bills prior to the end of the year. It is time to get your Pennsylvania Farm Bureau membership paid in order to take advantage of additional money added to your Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy. An extra \$100 is added to your policy each year that you pay your dues by December 31. You are also eligible for special member benefits with your paid membership through My Deals! More importantly, your membership strengthens the voice for the promotion of agriculture so that legislation is farm friendly to help keep agriculture growing for the future. Join the over 34,000 who have joined. Your membership absolutely makes a difference.



-IT'S THAT TWINE OF YEAR AGAIN3RD ANNUAL MCFB TWINE SALE

Mercer County Farm Bureau is again offering for sale to members, high quality twine, stretch wrap, net wrap, ag bags, and silo covers at our cost. If you did not receive a price list or order form, please call Larry Moose at 724-944-2666. A three per cent discount allowed if ordered and paid before December 28. Order pallet quantities and receive one dollar off per pallet. These are high quality Cordex and Sunfilm brand products. Payment must accompany order and received by March 15. Membership dues must be paid to participate.

PFB Membership winner of the tractor is Jason Maciejewski of Columbia County.

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Hoffman Elected as PFB's Ninth President

HERSHEY – Juniata County farmer Chris Hoffman has been elected as the ninth President of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) by voting delegates at the 72ndAnnual Meeting of the state's largest farm organization. Hoffman served as the vice president for the past eight years. "As an organization we are called to be the leader in agriculture and I am excited about what the future has in store for all of us," President elect Hoffman said. Hoffman has been heavily involved with Farm Bureau over the past 28 years, serving on PFB's State Board of Directors for 11 years and as a member of the board's Executive Committee. He currently chairs the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau State Agriculture Promotion Committee, which focuses on raising money for the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation and encouraging county-level events that promote consumer awareness of agriculture. Hoffman also previously served for four years as chair of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Promotion and Education Committee. He was named America's Pig Farmer of the Year by the National Pork Board in 2019. "I want to be the organization that people look to when they have questions and one that farmers need every day. I am humbled, I am honored, and I look forward to working with each member and the committees. Hoffman also serves as a member of the Penn State Board of Trustees and is involved in other agricultural organizations.

Nagle Elected as PFB Vice President

Cambria County beef and crop farmer Tommy Nagle was elected as the Vice President of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) by the state board of directors on Wednesday after the position was vacated by Chris Hoffman, who is now serving as PFB President. Nagle has been heavily involved with Farm Bureau for more than a decade, serving as a member of PFB's state board of directors, representing District 12, which consists of Cambria, Clearfield and Indiana counties for the last three years. In 2013, Nagle and his wife Tracy won PFB's Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award. Nagle raises beef cattle and grows crops on his family farm in Patton, Cambria County.

Agricultural businesses and pesticide applicators in 18 counties can dispose of unwanted pesticides safely and easily in 2023 through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's CHEMSWEEP program.

New for 2023- inventory forms will be submitted digitally through on the PDA at www.agriculture.pa/govchemsweep. www. Paper forms will still be available for those without internet access by calling (717) 772-5210. The program is offered in different counties each year. In 2023 it will be available in Bucks, Crawford, Dauphin, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lycoming, Mercer, Mifflin, Montgomery, Perry, Philadelphia, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Westmoreland counties. Over 3.0 million pounds of unwanted or unusable pesticides have been properly destroyed through the program since it was established in 1993. Farmers, licensed pesticide applicators, pesticide dealers and commercial pesticide application businesses from the designated counties are eligible to participate by completing the CHEMSWEEP registration/inventory form online through our website. The registration period ends March 31. An independent contractor hired by the state agriculture department collects and packages all waste pesticides at each participating location, primarily for incineration at facilities approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. CHEMSWEEP covers the disposal cost for the first 2,000 pounds per participant. Above that level, participants are billed at the agriculture department's contracted price. The program is funded through annual registration fees paid by pesticide manufacturers and applicators.

Phase 3 of HPAI Recovery Reimbursement Grant Application is Now Open

PDA has announced that Round Three is open now for eligible losses in the second event of HPAI this year. PDA is allowing integrators who, in good faith, provide growers income during the period (beginning of HPAI) of no revenue to be eligible for reimbursement.

Round Three Guidelines- Eligible expenses for poultry farmers (F), poultry integrators (I), and business (B) include:

- · Loss of income. (F, I, B)
- · Payroll costs, costs related to the continuation of group health care benefits during periods of paid sick, medical or family leave, and health insurance premiums. (I, B)
- Mortgage interest payments. (F, B)
- · Rent payments. (F, B)
- · Utility payments. (F, B)
- · Working capital for the purpose of covering costs of re-opening farming operations after being fully or partially closed due to the state or federally mandated quarantine period. (I)

How to Apply

The application asks for a copy of an IRS Form 1040 for the most recent tax filing year or any related itemized invoices, bills, or receipts, as appropriate to document loss.

Applications for Round Three are open until January 15, 2023.

Farm Bureau Members and Staff Chosen for State Advisory Panel Roles, Governor-Elect's Transition Team
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members and staff regularly participate on state advisory boards and commissions, as well as
other groups formed to provide advice and counsel to state officials. On Dec. 1, Farm Bureau President Chris Hoffman
and Dairy Committee member Glenn Stoltzfus joined the Pennsylvania Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission
(AHDC). The AHDC includes six farmers among its membership and serves to facilitate an integrated approach to the
diagnosis and investigation of disease in farm animals, as well as to allow planned interventions in disease outbreaks
rather than crisis interventions. The AHDC meets six times annually. Farm Bureau Environmental Specialist Grant
Gulibon was recently elected to chair the DEP Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) for 2023. The AAB provides advice and
expertise to the DEP Secretary regarding the nature of agriculture in the Commonwealth. The board also reviews and
provides comment on DEP policies, rules, and regulations which have an impact or a potential impact on agriculture or the
agricultural community. Finally, Farm Bureau Manager of Government Affairs and Communications Justin Clapper was
recently appointed to Governor-elect Josh Shapiro's Economic Development transition team. He will be serving on the
Rural/Agriculture subcommittee and providing perspective to the new administration on ways to growagriculture in
Pennsylvania and improve rural quality of life.

PA Game Commission Applauds Change in Law for Antlerless License Sales

The way hunters apply for Pennsylvania antlerless deer licenses is about to change for the first time in decades. Senate Bill 431, which would allow hunters to buy antlerless licenses through the HuntFishPA automated licensing service, was signed into law this week. When it takes effect with the 2023-24 license year, antlerless licenses will be available for purchase online or in person at any license issuing agent. PFB is in favor of the legislation aimed at making it easier to purchase an antlerless license when you purchase an antlered license.

PFB to Co-Host Webinar Series on Agrivoltaics

The solar development opportunities for dual use of solar and agriculture are increasing, but how, exactly, can local and municipal officials develop siting and zoning ordinances for this new way of co-utilizing land, and what about opportunities that are still in development? This four-part series, hosted by Penn State, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the NY& PA Farm Bureaus, is designed to assist local and municipal officials in better understanding agrivoltaics and how to consider and discuss dual use as they make planning decisions. **Preserving Agriculture in the Face of Growing Solar Development**, Thursday, Jan 5th 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. - As the demand for renewable energy, specifically solar, grows the competition for our finite land resources is increasing. In this session, we'Il explore how municipal officials can maintain their agricultural, rural, and cultural heritage while allowing for solar energy development.

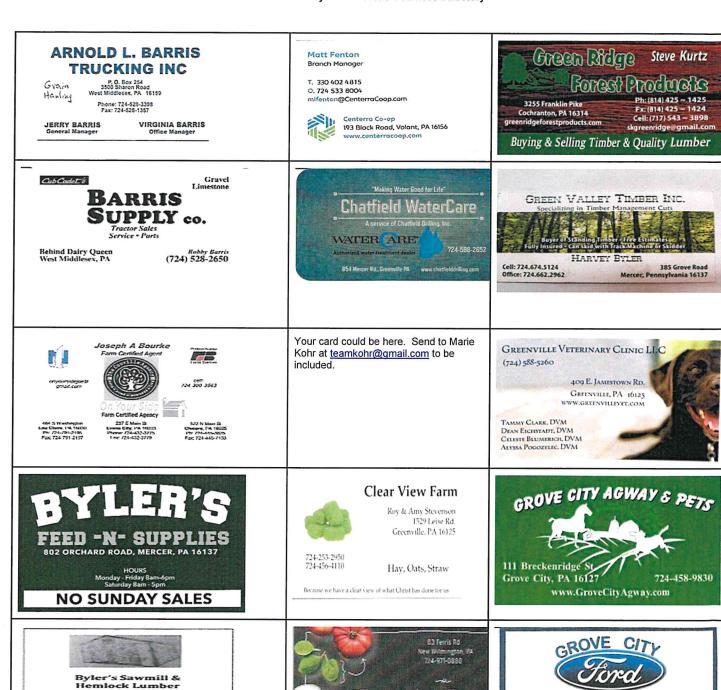
Other sessions will be on Jan 19, Feb. 2, and 16.

Mental Health Resources Available

SAMHSA's National Helpline, a Disaster Distress Helpline and other important information. Find additional resources,

learn tips for starting important conversations about mental health, and register for free rural resilience training by visiting farmstateofmind.org.

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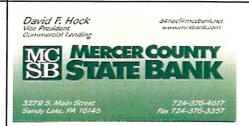
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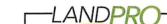


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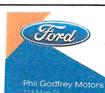
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