

# NEWSLETTER

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## Supreme Court Reaffirms Limits of the Clean Water Rule



In *Sackett v. EPA*, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers wrongfully claimed oversight on wetlands owned by Chantell and Michael Sackett. The verdict was issued on Thursday, May 25.

The Court ruled unanimously, 9-0, that the Clean Water Act did not apply to the wetlands on the Sacketts’ property, striking down the “significant nexus” test in determining what is considered a Waters of the United States (WOTUS).

Additionally, by a 5-4 vote, the Court adopted a more stringent test for what qualifies as an “adjacent wetland” subject to the Clean Water Act jurisdiction. Writing for the majority, Justice Alito concluded that the Clean Water Act applies to wetlands that are “as a practical matter indistinguishable from waters of the United States” because they have a “continuous surface connection” with a larger body of water.

The decision will have positive, far-reaching consequences for those in the agricultural industry. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President Chris Hoffman commented on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Sackett v. EPA*:

“It’s a good day for Pennsylvania agriculture. We thank the Supreme Court for giving farmers clarity about how they manage their land,” Hoffman said. “We need a common-sense rule that works for agriculture and helps farmers do their job and protects water quality. We’re grateful that the Court acted to rein in the huge overreach of the authority of the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers. The decision in *Sackett v. EPA* is as a win for our farmers, who protect their soil, air and water every day, as their legacy to the next generation.”

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall shared the sentiment.

“AFBF appreciates the Supreme Court justices for their careful consideration of the implications of *Sackett v. EPA*. The EPA clearly overstepped its authority under the Clean Water Act by restricting private property owners from developing their land despite being far from the nearest navigable water.

“The justices respect private property rights. It’s now time for the Biden administration to do the same and rewrite the Waters of the United States rule. Farmers and ranchers share the goal of protecting the resources they’re entrusted with, but they deserve a rule that provides clarity and doesn’t require a team of attorneys to properly care for their land.”

U.S. Congressman and Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture Glenn “GT” Thompson added the following thoughts on the current WOTUS rule.

“(Thursday’s) unanimous ruling in *Sackett v EPA* is a victory for America’s farmers, ranchers, and landowners. The decision reaffirms the rights of property owners and provides long-needed clarity to rural America. In light of this decision, the Biden Administration should withdraw its flawed final WOTUS rule. It is time to finally put an end to the regulatory whiplash and create a workable rule that promotes clean water while protecting the rights of rural Americans.”

**See page 5 for details on  
Fall Annual Meeting**

# Mifflin County Farm Bureau

## Meet your Mifflin County Committee Chairs

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### Legislative Committee:

#### 13th U. S. Congressional District (John Joyce) :

Chairman: Tim Goss

PA 30th Senatorial District (Judy Ward)

Chairman: Mark Ellinger

PA 85th House District (Dave Rowe) :

Chairman: Tim Goss

PA 171st House District (Kerry Benninghof):

Megan Keller

## Free Wheeling Day



Trent Goss and Rebecca Harrop represented the Mifflin County Young Ag Professionals at the Mifflin County Free Wheeling Career Day. The Career Day was hosted by the Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce for fourth graders in the county. Exhibitors used their work-related vehicles to speak to the students about their jobs.



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Mifflin County  
Farm Bureau's  
**Farm to Table**  
**GALA**

Hosted by THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE  
and YOUNG AG PROFESSIONALS

**September 7, 2023**  
*Brookmere Winery*

**\$50 PER PERSON**  
*Business attire*

COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30-6:30  
DINNER TO FOLLOW

**ONE FREE DRINK**  
with Ticket Purchase!

*\*Limited pre-purchase tickets available*

## Ag Awareness Crates

Ag Awareness Crates are designed to provide educational resources for teachers to utilize and bring agriculture into the classroom. The boxes are managed by the Ag Promotion Committee of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau in partnership with the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation. There will be two crates a year fall and spring serving grades K-5. We are looking for sponsors to get crates donated to classrooms in the county. If you would like to sponsor a crate please reach out to Tina Goss.

# Mifflin County Farm Bureau

## YOUNG AG PROFFESIONAL

**YAP Chair: Dylan Dietz 717-437-5798**

**District Chair: Megan Keller 717-372-7713**

### Young Ag Professionals State Competitions Annual Meeting 2023

1. Acheivement Award
2. Excellence in Agriculture Award
3. Social Media Award
4. Disscussion Meet Award

Deadline to apply.... TBD

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5-12- Youth Fair

August 31- District YAP Back Mountain Flower  
Farm Tour workshop

September 7- Farm to Table Gala

September 18- 3rd Grade Ag Tour set up

September 19- 3rd Grade Ag Tour

September 27- Fall Annual Meeting

October 4- Reorganizational Meeting

November ----- Annual Meeting

## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER!

## YAP State Summer Picnic

Thank you to all who attended the YAP Summer Picnic held at the PSU Ag Arena. The ag olympics consisted of 2 man saw, egg race, three legged race, and milk chug flip cup



## JD Spicher

## Region 3 Board Director



JD and his wife Michelle run Spicher Family Farm located just outside of Belleville Pa. They took over operating the farm in the spring of 2018 and are the 2nd Generation. They have 4 children who enjoy being on the farm. They are milking an average of 85 Holstein cows and strive to produce high quality milk.

If you have any ideas of workshops or trainings you want YAP to try to offer please send those to Megan

# Mifflin County Farm Bureau

## Hello..... from our President

*Mifflin County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting in September. We would like to see more members there.*

*We will also have an exhibit at the Mifflin Country Youth Fair in August. Stop by and check out the display set up by our Young Ag Professionals.*

*You should be receiving membership renewal forms soon. We would appreciate early renewals.*

*Best regards, Tim Goss*

## Summer Picnic

We held our county summer picnic on June 25 at Malta Park. Thank you to Darv for preparing the chicken and to all who brought food to share. Thanks to everyone who joined us. The kids had the best time playing in the creek while we conducted business.



## Ag Progress Days

Be sure to visit the Farm Bureau Building August 8-10 for kiddie tractor pulls, corn hole, and more

# Mifflin County Farm Bureau

Women's Leadership  
Committee Chair:

Tina Goss 717-250-5562

District 10 Chair:

Cheyenne Hepner

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## Fall Annual Meeting

September 27, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location:

Granville United Methodist Church

Cost: \$17.00

Harvest for All Collection

YAP will be collecting donations for the harvest for all collection and will donate items to a local food bank/pantry

Please RSVP by

September 13, 2023

Megan Keller- mmk5337@gmail.com

717-372-7713

or

Dylan Dietz

dietzag6@gmail.com or 717-437-5798

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Women's  
Leadership Committee proudly introduces:

I. Inspire

C. Celebrate

E. Educate

# SUMMIT

Saturday,  
September  
16, 2023  
near State  
College/  
Boalsburg



Measure the Candidates  
Night



Meet the Candidates Night was held on May 3, 2023. Twenty-five candidates were invited, nineteen showed up and participated. Thank you to everyone who helped from screening questions, timers, refreshments, and everyone who helped spread the word. There were approximately 100 people in attendance if not more. Huge thank you to Mark Ellinger for overseeing this event!

# Mifflin County Farm Bureau

## Educators Ag Institute

Teachers got a hands-on learning experience with 4-Her's from Mifflin County and their various 4-H animal projects at Penn State's Snider Ag Arena which is hosted by the PA Friends of Agriculture Foundation. We are thankful for the farm bureau members who help their kids or club members who volunteer their time to help education teachers across the state to bring agriculture to their classrooms. Mifflin County had 3 teachers in attendance.



Ag Trivia  
Night

PFB Annual Meeting 2023

Delegate  
Sessions

Hershey PA

November 12-15

breakouts, sessions, speakers

Watch for more info to come available

# Millin County Farm Bureau

## Buy Local County Directory

We have a goal to promote locally grown/made products right here in the county. If you are a grower/producer please fill out the form and mail back to Megan at 20 Woods Lane Lewistown PA, 17044 by Sept 15, 2023. The hopes is to have this available at numerous locations across the county and in some publications.

Farm/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Farm Bureau Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Business/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm/Business Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Category (beef, dairy, beeds, produce?): \_\_\_\_\_

**Want to recieve a digital color copy of the newsletter???**

**If you answered yes, please contact Megan at [mmk5337@gmail.com](mailto:mmk5337@gmail.com) and she will add you to the email list!**



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- Explain and compare options
- Work within your budget
- Help with informed Medicare coverage decisions

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