



PERRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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TO OUR NEWEST
BOARD MEMBER:

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Farm Bureau Summer Picnic

Mark your calendars for Perry County Farm Bureau's annual picnic! This year it will take place on Thursday evening, June 19th at Wagner's Park. It will start at 6:30. The main meat, drinks, and place settings will be provided. We just ask that you bring a covered dish or dessert.

Come join us for food, fellowship, and fun! There will be a board meeting immediately following so you can stay updated on agriculture news in your area.

"Raise the Barn" Fundraiser

Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation is hosting a fundraiser to keep education programs thriving in our state. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 by April 30th 2025.

Your donation will support
Mobile Ag Ed science labs.
Immersion labs.
Ag literacy week.
Remake learning days.
Educator's Ag institute.
Winter Ag workshop.

Scan the QR code below to donate today! Or call one of the board members for more details.



If Perry County reaches the goal of \$3,000, we will earn a FREE one-day Immersion Lab visit!

The Women's Leadership Committee is running a Grain Bin Safety contest for children, ages 4-18.

The Winners will be announced in the *Grassroots Advocate* section of *Positively Pennsylvania*, and PFB's annual meeting. The winning entries will also be displayed at Ag Progress Days. You can view each category at the website link below, for the specific awards.

Deadline is May 1st 2025

<https://pfb.com/be-involved/womens-leadership-committee/safety-contests/>

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You can also get involved to help your fellow farmers in need by participating in their Farmer's Care program, this spring. Details can be found here: <https://pfb.com/be-involved/womens-leadership-committee/farmers-care-program/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

Farm Bureau day ~ March 3rd

Farmer's Breakfast ~ March 7th hosted by Perry Stambaugh at the Perry Mennonite Center (350 Green Park Rd, Ellittsburg)

Summer picnic ~ June 19th (see front page for details)

Annual meeting ~ September 18th (more details to follow)

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The following interview highlights Jim Fuller, a long-time cattle farmer in Perry County.

How long have you been farming?

Fuller: I've been farming for over fifty years. My wife and I had a trailer in Newport where we kept some chickens, pigs, and a couple bull calves. This would help us cut down our grocery bills.

How many head of cattle do you raise?

F: As of this summer, I raise forty-four head of cattle; twenty-one cows and a bull, plus twenty-two calves.

What do you enjoy the most about raising cattle?

F: Seeing a newborn, healthy calf. I also enjoy incubating guinea eggs. I can fit seventy to eighty eggs in one incubator. Now I have around 350 guineas.

How have you seen agriculture change over the past fifty years?

F: Farming has gotten easier than what it's been. The US has good economic conditions; it gives us the ability to raise animals and crops to sell them at a decent price. When the economy is good, farming is good. If you can manage a farm well, you can make profit off of it. In the past I struggled to make ends meet. I raise to sell, taking care not to get taken.

What advice would you give for anyone interested in pursuing farming?

F: Examine your work ethic. If you're looking to get rich quickly and easily, then this business is not for you. Patience is key. Learn from your past mistakes. Sometimes it is worth it to borrow money if it can help make your life easier, as long as you pay it back as soon as you can. Work smarter-not harder.

2024 Annual Meeting

The Perry County Farm Bureau annual meeting was held on October 10th of this year. The meeting was held at the Duncannon EMS building. We had around fifty farm bureau members attend along with various speakers. Many topics were brought up which sparked discussion among various members of the bureau.



Steve Innerst explaining the 2024 pended policy. This policy consisted of farm vehicles possibly driving off hours and what maintenance will need done on them for them to be allowed on the road. Unfortunately, when this policy was brought up at the state's annual meeting, it was declined.

Are you a produce or livestock farmer in Perry County interested in an interview for our next newsletter? You can email the newsletter editor at the address above with your inquiries.

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(see previous page)

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