

Susquehanna County Farm Bureau

September 2020



WELCOME TO OUR 2021 NEW MEMBERS!

Jim R. Barbour ~ James W. Colwell ~ Brian Hunter ~ Wayne Johnson
Terry Kavetski ~ Ken Mason ~ William Schwalm ~ Kaitlyn Stoddard

New Monthly Meeting Location & Schedule

Location: Bridgewater Church at 10142 State Route 167; Montrose, PA
(approximately 1 mile south of Tiffany Corners)

When: 2nd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting: October 8th in the "Cafe Room"



Board of Directors up for election: James Barbour, Joseph Plonski, Donna Williams, Joseph Decker, John Benscoter. **Please note:** We would appreciate hearing from a member to represent District IV Bridgewater Township and District I Apolacon, Choconut, Forest Lake, Jessup, Middletown, Silver Lake Townships

Policy - Jim Barbour & Dave DeLeon - Policy Development meetings were held on September 16 & 22 at the home of Barbara Roszel. The following items are being set forth for recommendation to be presented at the *Annual Fall Meeting* (page 2):

- #1. We recommend no reductions in the numbers of environmental coordinators in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the Department of Environmental Protection.
- #2. We recommend the Pennsylvania Game Commission to limit its control over other wildlife animal diseases to only Disease Management Areas (DMAs').
- #3. We recommend that Pennsylvania be in charge of their meat inspection program, continue to be guided by federal standards, thus enabling smaller slaughterhouses to be more efficient especially with recent events effecting the food supply system.
- #4. We recommend the federal government provide funding for all necessary personal protective equipment for all workers in the food supply chain when employers follow federal guidelines for safety; this to include H2A workers.

Local issues:

- #5. We recommend our county commissioners recognize National Farm Safety and Health week during the third week of September.
- #6. We recommend our county commissioners recognize and highlight Rural Roads Safety Week in April, a program initiated by PA Farm Bureau since the year 2000.

Virtual Annual Fall Meeting

The Susquehanna County Farm Bureau is holding their
Annual Fall Meeting on October 3 at 6 PM

This online ZOOM meeting can accommodate 100 people.

Here is the link to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/91388876494?pwd=UjVSMXU3dnMxZlZOdkl0VTcwYkhRZz09>

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Membership - Joe Decker & David Payne On August 13, 2020, twenty-five members attended the Victory Celebration Chicken Barbeque at Green Gables Pavilion. On August 28, we reached the 2% goal for 2021 membership.

Educator's Ag Institute (formally known as *Ag In the Classroom*) took place virtually this summer. In July, over the course of four weeks, teachers tuned in for a deep dive into an agricultural topic and earned up to twenty Act 48 educational hours. They learned new ideas to take back to their classroom. In Pennsylvania, one hundred six teachers participated with fifty counties reached.

SCFB Audit Committee which includes Bill Bayne, chairperson, Barbara Roszel, treasurer, Nancy Jackson, and Jo DiPalma (committee members) met at Barbara Roszel's home on October 2, 2020.

Register Now for PFB's Virtual Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Nov. 16 through 19** to join Farm Bureau members from across the Keystone State for a virtual celebration of Pennsylvania agriculture!

Perhaps the most significant days on our yearly calendar, PFB's Annual Meeting brings farmers across the state together to set our organization's direction, recognize the achievements of the past year, learn and network.

While it's disappointing that we won't all be able to see one another face-to-face this year due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the virtual format offers new and exciting opportunities that we expect will make our 70th anniversary one of the most exciting to date.

If you've always wanted to participate in PFB's signature event but have not been able to commit to the time and expense of traveling to Hershey, **this is your chance to join the celebration!** The virtual meeting is free to all PFB members and you can participate as much or as little as your schedule allows.

And remember to mark your calendar for **Nov. 10**, when the excitement begins with a kick-off event. You'll have an opportunity to compete for prizes and get familiar with the virtual convention before it begins.

What will PFB's 70th Annual Meeting include?

You'll experience most of the exciting features of a typical PFB Annual Meeting, just in a virtual format, including the 70th Annual Meeting Celebration, educational seminars, virtual exhibit hall, networking, competition for prizes, and more!

How do I register?

Registration is open now! Attendees, except for voting delegates, are asked to register online by filling out and submitting the form available at www.pfb.com/register.

Your registration may take up to a few days to process so be sure to register as early as possible.

Look for even more details in the October edition of *Country Focus*. We'll also post updates on our Annual Meeting webpage, www.pfb.com/annualmeeting.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

Local Discounts for Farm Bureau Members in Susquehanna County

Andre & Son: 5% off any in-stock store items that are not already on clearance or promotional pricing - Montrose

Montrose Feed & Supply: 5% off bedding and feed - Montrose

New Milford Hardware: Trade Discount. 0-10% Variable depending item - New Milford

Stone's Hardware: 10% off regular priced items - Great Bend

Glezens Power Equipment: 10% off parts - Hallstead

Barhites Sales & Service: 10% off rentals, 5% off all sale items in stock, shop repairs 5% off parts and 15% off labor-Clifford

Timberline Lawn and RV: 10% off in stock or ordered parts over \$100

Auto Plus: 10% off - Great Bend

Strauss Chiropractic/Northeast Nutrition: Initial consult, complete exam and X-rays for \$25
(Normally \$175-\$250) - Kingsley

Little Leaf Natural Products: 10% discount - Montrose

Gerald E. Shinn Construction: 5% off any contracted work - Uniondale

Liberty Carpet: 10% off carpet and 5% off hardwood - Hallstead

Rhonda's Country Heart Décor: 10% off everything in the store - Montrose

Summit Workwear: 15% off boots and workwear - New Milford

Susquehanna Home Center: 5% off - Susquehanna

J&J Springs: 10% off all water delivery to homes

www.pfb.com/localdiscounts

Blue Stone Pizzeria in Hallstead: 10% off all menu items

Maloney's Pub & Restaurant in Hallstead: 10% off food on Sunday and Monday

Scarfalloto Hometown Market: 5% discount

Speakeasy Saloon and Resort in Uniondale: - 10% off dinners and any room rental

Montrose Produce: 5% discount

JDE Salon: 20% off all retail products

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