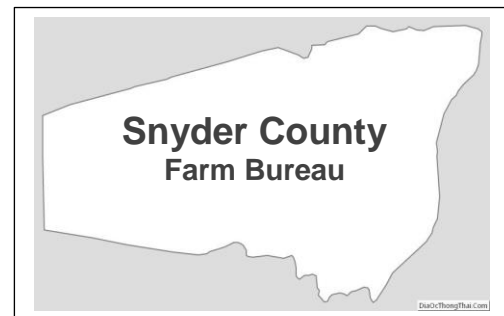


# Snyder County Farm Bureau

## Fall Newsletter

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### Scholarship Essay's



Congratulations to Max Maurer and Jared Frantz who were the scholarship winners with these essays. Both these essays were well written and answered the topic – How agriculture influenced your life and how you see agriculture impacting your future.

#### Max Maurer

Agriculture has been a key component of my life since I was a young child. Growing up, my grandparents had a produce market on the strip in Selinsgrove called Bailey's Farm Market. I have distinct memories of binge eating the fruit in the walk-in freezer and going on pickups at the Buffalo Valley Auction. This is honestly what ignited the spark for agriculture in my life. As I got older, I became more involved with the market, and really started to learn the critical details of running a business and how the agriculture industry works. Unfortunately, the business was shut down a few years back due to unfortunate circumstances, but my passion lives on.

This is a key reason why I enrolled at Penn State University, as there is nowhere better to be



to get an education in Agricultural Science and Food Systems. This past year I have been heavily involved at the Student Farm at Penn State. I have received loads of hands-on experience and I am learning so much more about sustainable and alternative growing methods. This following year I am going to be an intern on the farm. I will have the opportunity to learn more myself, and spread what I know so far. I am lucky to have been offered the Hydroponics Manager position at the Penn State Student Farm. I have always had a fascination for aquariums and underwater plants so I am interested to see where this takes me.

When the family business closed down a couple years ago, I was really down about it. At that point I really did not want to go to college. I had dreams of taking over the business and expanding it to keep the "Bailey legacy" in motion. But in my circumstances, I had a choice to make. I could learn a trade, or I could go to college, and pursue what I'm really interested in. I am so thankful for this opportunity to be a part of a great program, and have the tools to navigate the best of

what Penn State has to offer. I still daydream about restarting the family business. I have always been inspired by how my grandpa and grandma worked together in operating the business. I too yearn for a relationship like that. I desire to own a produce business and co-own it with my wife.

If my plans change, I will still immerse myself in the field of Agriculture. Recently, the nutritional aspect of food and alternative diets has caught my attention. It is safe to say that I am in a good place now. I will continue to work as hard as I can, get good grades, and build valuable connections. I have whole heartedly put my trust in God, and I know that he will straighten my path. I would like to thank the Snyder County Farm Bureau for this opportunity. If I am lucky enough to receive the award, it certainly will not be taken for granted!



## ANNUAL MEETING

Snyder County annual meeting was held on Sunday, August 18 at 1pm at the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Showgrounds. A delicious lunch of BBQ, pulled pork, baked beans, stuffing, macaroni salad, cole slaw, drinks and desserts was served.



Speakers consisted of GT, Rep. David Rowe and Linda Schlegel Culver's office was represented. State Board member, Jason Wolfe had comments, as well as our ROD Neil Dembeck. Snyder County's president, Ethan Howard led the meeting.

### Jared Frantz

I am Jared Frantz I currently live in Mount Pleasant Mills, Pennsylvania where I just graduated from Mid-West high school. I am planning to attend Penn State University in the fall with a major in Agricultural Sciences. In high school, I was very involved with the agriculture community, and participated in various activities. I also live and work on my family's farm where we plant crops, raise fat steers, breed, and sell sheep, along with having a finishing hog facility where we raise 2400 hogs for Country View Family Farms. Agriculture has had the biggest impact on my life since I was young. Living and working on a farm is what I have always done, and I was raised learning to work hard, be respectful, and responsible.

I started my 4-H career showing cattle and hogs at 8 years old. In 2019 I decided to branch away and purchased my first market lamb to show at

my county fair. My first project lamb was challenging as I was new to the sheep industry and had little experience. Luckily, I found people that have an influence on what I do to this day. Learning and evolving within 4-H and FFA groups has had another major influence on where I am today in the agriculture industry, getting to make lasting connections with others that share the same passion as me is remarkable. Getting the opportunity to go to all the FFA, and 4-H competitions has influenced me to want to have a future in the livestock judging area. The lessons taught by learning from mistakes and getting better each time have a true influence on being successful and humble at the same time. Because when success comes easy, no one learns anything but when you fail, you learn everything.

In the future, I see myself being an agriculture salesman and hopefully eventually taking

over my family's farm with my brother when the time comes. I enjoy getting to be able to talk to people about farming, learning different ideas, and listening to new perspectives about the future electronics, and the future of agriculture in general. The recent technology that has evolved over the past couple of decades is impressive. The talent and dedication to constantly make things better has helped mend the change we see in today's fields, tomorrow's dealerships, and the whole future ahead of us to find something new and better to build from. Change is inevitable but necessary to be able to succeed at new things, set new horizons, and make big dreams a reality. My role in the future of agriculture is to ensure that evolving and changing is important to the agricultural community's success and future.

### 2024-25 Snyder County Board

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\*\* The PA Farm Show will be held January 4-11, 2025



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**SNYDER COUNTY  
FARM BUREAU  
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE**

January 31<sup>st</sup> 6-7:30pm

*Night out at Engle's Greenhouse*  
-Tour of the greenhouse  
-Put together a succulent to take home  
-\$30 a person – includes tour, appetizers, drinks and succulent  
-Essentials Permanent Jewelry by Autumn will have jewelry available to purchase  
-Snow date February 7th

RSVP to Julie @ 570-765-3570 by January 10

### GUN RAFFLE

The Wildlife & Fisheries Committee is holding a statewide gun raffle sponsored by PFB. The goal of the raffle is to generate monies to aid in our continued public interest purposes regarding agriculture. Cash or Check is the only acceptable payment method. \$20 Per Ticket Winners based on the Pa. Lottery Pick 4 Nightly Drawings Nov. 30—Dec. 13 2024. **Contact Neil Dembeck to purchase tickets at 443-655-3786.**

- (Winners will receive a Bass Pro Gift Card equal to the amounts below)
- Nov. 30 - Winchester SX4 Hybrid Hunter Semi-Auto Shotgun (\$899.99)
  - Dec. 1 - Winchester SX4 Field Compact Semi-Auto Shotgun (\$939.99)
  - Dec. 2 - Winchester SX4 Waterfowl Hunter Compact Semi-Auto Shotgun 20 Gauge - 28" Barrel (\$1,049.99)
  - Dec. 3 - Browning X-Bolt 2 Speed Bolt-Action Rifle (\$1,299.99)
  - Dec. 4 - Mossberg MVP-LR Long Range Rifle - 7.62 x 51mm/.308 Winchester (\$819.99)
  - Dec. 5 - Franchi Momentum Elite Varmint Bolt-Action Rifle (\$1,049)
  - Dec. 6 - Marlin Model 1894 SBL Series Lever-Action Rifle - .44 Rem Mag (\$1,599.99)
  - Dec. 7 - Franchi Affinity 3 Sport Trap Semi Auto Shotgun (\$899.00)
  - Dec. 8 - Savage 110 Classic Bolt-Action Rifle (\$1,019.99)
  - Dec. 9 - Beretta PX4 Storm G-SD Semi Auto Pistol - 20 + 1 (\$799.99)
  - Dec. 10 - Canik TTI Combat Semi-Automatic Pistol - 9mm (\$899.99)
  - Dec. 11 - Mossberg MVP-LR Long Range Rifle—7.62 x 51mm/.308 Winchester (\$819.99)
  - Dec. 12 - Browning X-Bolt 2 Speed Bolt-Action Rifle (\$1,299.99)
  - Dec. 13 - Sig Sauer P320-XTEN Full Size Optics-Ready Semi-Auto Pistol (\$849.99)

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