



# York County Newsletter

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## York County Farm Bureau Annual Membership Dinner Meeting

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Red Lion Rec Center, 190 S. Charles St., Red Lion, PA 17356

12:00 PM—1:00 PM	Arrival/Fellowship
	Socialize and bid on Silent Auction!
1:00 PM—2:30 PM	Buffet Meal of pulled pork, fried chicken, and sides
2:30 PM—3:00 PM	Meeting

Free for members and immediate family!  
We invite you to bring a dessert to share.

*Membership dues paid at the meeting will be entered into a drawing!*



RSVP: Kate (717)339-9959 Julie (717) 324-3410  
E-mail: [yorkcountyfarmbureau@gmail.com](mailto:yorkcountyfarmbureau@gmail.com)

The annual meeting of York County Farm Bureau will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2 PM. Doors open at 12 PM, lunch will be served at 1 PM followed by meeting. The main course and sides will be provided, but we welcome everyone attending to bring their favorite dessert to share!

You need to RSVP by August 30th so we have enough for everyone! Call Kate at (717) 655-1248 or Julie at (717) 324-3410 to RSVP. You can also email [yorkcountyfarmbureau-pa@gmail.com](mailto:yorkcountyfarmbureau-pa@gmail.com) us at or click here <https://yorkcountyfarmbureau.square.site/>

### A Note from the County President

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I hope this newsletter finds you well as we embark on a busy spring season! We just wrapped up on the annual Farm Safety Week campaign which aligns with the start of planting season. While we spend the week highlighting the importance of Farm Safety and Roadway Safety it is important to stay vigilant and aware of the dangers daily in our operations.

This past spring while partnering with Northern FFA and the York County Agricultural Society over 100 classrooms in York County were visited and shared with about agriculture during Agriculture Literacy week! Education and sharing our individual stories in agriculture continues to be more important than ever - I challenge all of our members to think about how we can each share our agriculture story to help bridge the gap from the farm to the table.

Have suggestions on how our York County Farm Bureau can continue to improve and support the hard work of agriculture? I would love to hear from you - 717-655-1248 or [KML5484@gmail.com](mailto:KML5484@gmail.com)

Say Safe & have a great Spring.  
I hope to see you at the Ice Cream Social!

*Kate Menges*

## Welcome New York County Farm Bureau Members!

We want to welcome the new members that have joined York County Farm Bureau since May 1, 2024!

- \* Alana Starner, Wellsville, PA
- \* Phillip Sebulsky, York, PA
- \* Amanda Lopiccolo, Spring Grove, PA
- \* Melinda Davis, York, PA
- \* Raven Eisenhour, Wellsville, PA
- \* Brett John Frey, East Berlin, PA
- \* John Louis Davids, Glen Rock, PA
- \* Adam Ross, Hanover, PA

July 1, 2024 begins the new membership year for PA Farm Bureau! We are celebrating our 175th year as Pennsylvania Farm Bureau! What a milestone! Watch for more to come in celebrating all these years of being your voice for agriculture through the coming months! Expect to see your first reminder for renewal in the mail in August. Annual dues are \$100. All new and renewals completed by September 30 will be entered into a drawing for \$2,000, \$1,000 and (3) \$500 prizes! Anyone who signs up for auto renewal by October 31 will be entered into a \$1,000 drawing. And final drawing will be for any new member who signs up by October 31 will be entered into a \$1,000 drawing. These prizes will be announced at the PFB Annual Meeting at Hershey in November.

## PFB Legislative Update

This years Legislative Update will be by Zoom only. We will not have Regions 2 and 3 coming into the office since the building is closed at that time of day. The update will be July 25th at 7:00 pm. Those interested in seeing the update should let Ginny Keever know by July 19th by calling (717) 731-3540 or [vkkeever@pfb.com](mailto:vkkeever@pfb.com) to obtain the link to the online access. Pre registering is required in order to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

This update will let you know what has happened since the Legislative Update in April and what is coming for the fall.



## York County YAP Meet & Greet!

Are you a York County Farm Bureau member? Are you between the ages of 18-35? Then you are what we call YAP!! Young Ag Professionals, which is the group of members in the younger segment starting out in Ag, starting out in life, and exploring what Farm Bureau is all about!



York County Farm Bureau is hosting a meet & greet of YAP members on Sunday, August 18 from 4-6 PM at South County Brewing, 2nd Floor, 170 Crossway Dr. York, PA 17402. Food & drink menu are available for anyone in attendance at your own expense. Door prizes will be handed out throughout the event! We want to meet each other, network, and find out what you would like to see from York County Farm Bureau to give added value to your membership. Our hosts Anna & Ellie will also educate you on who Farm Bureau is and what we are doing right now for you!

RSVP to Anna at (717) or email [yorkcounty-farmbureau@gmail.com](mailto:yorkcounty-farmbureau@gmail.com) to save your spot! Space is limited so don't miss out on a fun social evening of like minded ag professionals!



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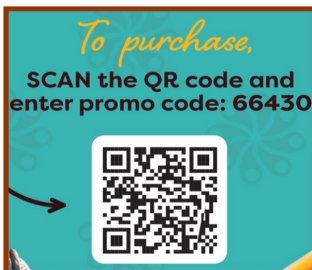
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#### Hersheypark Discount for P.F.B

Hershey Park is offering our members **45% off tickets to the park for purchases made by July 14<sup>th</sup> using the code below.** This is a "thank you" for our renewed and continued partnership with them. This is members only.

**Last Reminder, get the word out to your members!**



# HERSHEYPARK

## York State Fair is Here!

This month is the York State Fair held at the York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, PA 17404. York County Farm Bureau will have a booth in Memorial Hall this year! We want to be present for our existing members, educate the public on who we are, and engage new members! If you would like to help volunteer in the booth, please email us at [york-countyfarmbureauupa@gmail.com](mailto:york-countyfarmbureauupa@gmail.com)

The Fair runs July 19-28, 2024. Hours are Monday-Thursday 1 PM—10 PM and Friday-Sunday 11 AM—10 PM. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Parking is \$10. There are discount days available each day, please check out the website for additional information.

Not only are there rides, lots of food to eat, and concerts, you can see live animals, visit the butter sculpture, visit goat mountain, watch the lumberjack show, and visit the model trains.

Stop by to see the youth who brought their dairy cattle, sheep, lambs, horses, swine, goats, and beef cattle! There is a schedule online for each showing at <https://www.yorkstatefair.com/p/competitiveexhibits/livestock-schedule>

Make sure to stop out to support the youth who have put so much time and effort into their animals to show and support your local ag community!



## Strawberry Social

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Strawberry Social on Sunday, June 4 at Lake Redman. We enjoyed visiting with the families who attended, Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill and Representative Wendy Fink.

Thank you to Shaw Orchards for the donation of the strawberries and Meadowburne Farms for the ice cream donation!



## Ag Progress Days Returns

Ag Progress Days in Pennsylvania Furnace returns August 13-15, 2024. Hours are Tuesday 9-5, Wednesday 9-7, and Thursday 9-4. Come see over 400 exhibitors from the US and Canada with free admission and free parking. Come for a Town Hall Session with College of Ag Sciences Dean Troy Ott on Tuesday, see an update on the Farm Bill presented by Congressman GT Thompson on Wednesday, learn about Organic Farming Opportunities on Thursday, or just come to look at what's new and enjoy the great food! To see the full schedule of events go to <https://aqsci.psu.edu/apd>

## Policy Development

It is that time of year again already! York County Farm Bureau is beginning the annual process of policy development.

At the core of any grassroots membership organization are the members and there are a little over 26,000 in PA! A grassroots organization can only be successful if its members water the grass.

If you're already a policy development veteran, keep up the good work! Also, get your neighbor, children or farmhand involved. Good policy stems from good ideas - ideas that may be beyond the scope of what you're familiar with. Getting more members involved leads to more knowledge, input, and education for all of us. Involving new individuals in the process may uncover a problem that many of us didn't know existed.

It takes many voices to grow and unite our communities - don't let your voice be silent. Submit your policy ideas now to someone on the County Board or directly to Kate Livingston-Menges at [kml5484@gmail.com](mailto:kml5484@gmail.com)

## Are You Turning 65 This Year and Going on Medicare?



Choosing your Medicare plan can be overwhelming. It can be hard to figure out what you want, or more important, what you need.

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

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### York Fair

York, PA

July 19-28, 2024

### YAP Summer Picnic, Mechanicsburg PA

August 11, 2024

### Ag Progress Days, Pennsylvania Furnace

August 13-15, 2024

### York County YAP Meet & Greet York, PA

August 18, 2024 4-6 PM

### York County Farm Bureau Annual Dinner Red Lion, PA

September 8, 2024

### PFB Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA

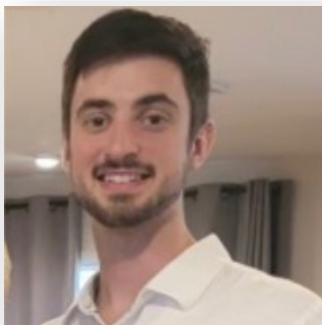
November 17-19, 2024

## New PFB State & Local Affairs Specialist

Monday, July 8 was the first day for Mitchell Kurek as the new State & Local Affairs Specialist. PFB is very excited to have Mitchell join the Farm Bureau Family, and look forward to him learning and growing in this role over the next few months. He recently had been working for the city of Allentown, but he has worked for Senators and Representatives at both the State and Federal levels of government in the past. PFB looks forward to the legislative knowledge he brings to PFB. Please feel free to have county Farm Bureau's invite him to events and farm tours moving forward.

He is also an avid golfer, reader, and podcast listener. He's a loyal Penn State, Phillies, and NY Giants sports fan. He does martial arts and likes to ride his bike to stay active.

You can reach Mitchell at [mtkurek@pfb.com](mailto:mtkurek@pfb.com) or 717.731.3582.



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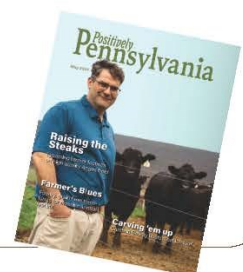


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