

York County Newsletter



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A Note from the County President

This year marks the 75th anniversary of our York County Farm Bureau!

The 1950's were a time of rapid change in the country and local farmers realized how important it was to have their voices heard. On Nov. 24, 1950 a group of farmers from eight local counties met in Lancaster to discuss a new organization that would be aligned with the American Farm Bureau, and after a several hour meeting chaired by my grandfather, Clay Shaw, they formed the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, which was the predecessor of our current Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

The original dues for the organization were \$15, and that high price almost scuttled faith in members' ability to find the 500 members needed to officially charter the organization. But by November 1951, the group had their 500 members and became a part of the American Farm Bureau.

There is a lot more to the story of those early days in the Farm Bureau, but don't ask me too much about them because I haven't yet had time to read all of the old book that revealed these details... because this time of year, the apples are calling! But it does make me appreciate how much work it must have taken to build our organization from scratch, through constant communication with fellow farmers, understanding their needs and advocating for them... all done while not neglecting the home farm.

While times have changed, one thing has not: the officers of your York County Farm Bureau want to represent your needs through all levels of government. So call us, email us, or stop and chat when we're gathered. Together, we look forward to the next 75 years.

Barron Shaw

Asian Longhorn Tick Affecting Cattle

Penn State Extension recently partnered with York County Farm Bureau to address and educate cattle owners on a recent case confirmed cattle mortality from Asian Longhorn Tick in the Airville area from Theileria which is spread by this invasive tick. On September 25, almost 30 people showed up at Lower Chanceford Township for a viewing of Penn State's webinar on the effects from this pest on cattle.

An individual female can lay eggs without mating. What are you looking for? Unfed ticks are light reddish-tan to dark reddish with brown. Adult females are grey-green with yellowish markings and about the size of a pea. Their life cycle spans 2 years.

How can we prevent them? Mow your pastures, thin trees, remove understory. Apply acaricide using label instructions to tick habitats such as grassy patches and woodland edges when they are most active typically March to November.

You will notice your cattle acting achy or losing some weight well before the animal is too far gone if you handle them regularly. If you believe your cattle have been infected, contact your veterinarian immediately as well as your local extension office or state ag department.

Thank you Penn State Extension for working with us on this matter!

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Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

November is right around the corner and that means annual meeting for Pennsylvania Farm Bureau! This year is extra special as we are celebrating 75 years of Farm Bureau here in Pennsylvania! The event is held Sunday, November 16—Tuesday, November 18 at The Hershey Lodge. Room Reservations can be made directly with Hershey Lodge with a discount for event, so make it a small getaway!

If you have never attended, this is your year to come. Even if it is just for Sunday. Come as early as 11 AM to walk down History Hall and see what has happened in Pennsylvania Farm Bureau over the last 75 years. There is an Opening Luncheon hosted by the Women's Leadership Committee for a prepaid ticket cost. Sunday afternoon kicks off the event with Opening Session at 3 PM and guest speaker AFBF President Zippy Duvall. If you have never heard President Duvall speak, you will leave there inspired about Farm Bureau as well as what you do on your own farm! Then stay for the 75th Anniversary cake and ice cream social with The Uptown Band playing live from 7:30 PM—9:30 PM. All of this is no cost to you!

Are you interested in policy development and how it works in Farm Bureau? Monday is your chance to see this happening live! You can sit on the floor in the gallery and watch as delegates from across the state vote on the policies local counties submitted for our book. This is a process everyone should see at least once, to understand how passionate our members are about policy. You can also go attend breakout sessions, have a free healthcare screening and massage, walk through the exhibit hall or watch the Collegiate Discussion Meets going on! Sunday evening is the 75th Annual Banquet which does need prepaid tickets which begins at 6:30 PM and will have PDA Secretary Russell Reading as well as Governor Shapiro in attendance to speak.

Tuesday closes out the event with a prepaid ticket for Buffet Breakfast with funds going to PA Friends of Ag Foundation at 7 AM. Exhibits are open, breakout sessions going on, and final delegate session goes on from 8 AM—12 PM.

You can order meal tickets online at www.pfb.com/ AM25 or call the office at (717) 731-3580 and ask for Kim. Only the meals have a cost to them, otherwise all events are no charge for members to attend and sit in on. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us for PFB's 75th Annual Meeting: Diamond Celebration

When: November 16-18, 2025

Where: Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA

Can't Miss Events Including:

- History Hall a celebration of 75 years
- Entertainment by the Uptown Band



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

York County YAP Event at Mad Radish!

On Saturday, August 2 members toured Mad Radish Farm in Dover. PA to see how this family began their first generation farm growing vegetables, pasteurized chickens and eggs with a Farm Stand and CSA program. Brittany shared with us the permitting and regulations to start your own program, as well as the use of H2A workers and the expense it is for the pro-



cess, but the need for the workers. We were able to walk the fields, and visit the chicken houses, green houses, farm stand, and ask questions! Thank you Brittany and Michael Reardon and kids for opening your farm to us and being great hosts on a warm summer afternoon! To learn more about Mad Radish, visit their website at www.madradishfarm.com

Did you Renew Your Membership?!

Don't forget to renew your membership now for several chances at drawings during the annual meeting! Renew or join now! https://members.pfb.com

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York County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came out on Sunday, September 7 at Red Lion Rec Center for the York County Farm Bureau annual meeting. We had 80 members and family in attendance to enjoy a warm meal and as always wonderful homemade desserts from our members! York County Farm Bureau is also celebrating 75 years this year and we were delighted to hear how we came to be formed 75 years ago from President Barron Shaw! If you have any stories you'd like to share, please send us an email at yorkcountyfarmbureaupa@gmail.com

Immersion Lab At York Fair A Success!

This year was the second year York County Farm Bureau has had a presence at The York Fair, but this year, we were able to bring the Immersion Lab for the community to enjoy! This interactive educational tool helps teach kids and adults alike where their food comes from. Staff was there each day to help children and adults both experience the virtual reality simulator, complete the scavenger hunt or answer general questions about agriculture!



Corn Pudding Recipe

Submitted by Cynthia Jamison

(If you were at the annual meeting, here is the recipe for Mrs. Jamison's Corn Pudding we all enjoyed!)

1/2 CUP SOFTENED BUTTER
1/2 CUP SUGAR
2 EGGS
1 CUP SOUR CREAM (8 oz)
1 PKG. (8.5 OZ) CORN MUFFIN MIX
1/2 CUP MILK
1 CAN (15 1/4 OZ) WHOLE KERNEL CORN DRAINED
1 CAN (14 34OZ) CREAM-STYLE CORN

In large mixing bowl, cream butter & sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in sour cream. Gradually add corn bread/muffin mix alternately with milk. Fold in the corn. Pour into a greased 3 qt. baking dish. Bake uncovered, at 325 degrees for 45 -50 minutes or until set and lightly browned. 8 servings. I use fresh corn and yogurt in place of sour cream. (If using fresh corn, place in blender to make it crushed.)



Having the safety talk with your kids isn't just important—it's essential.

In 2023, 19% of deaths in off-highway vehicle (OHV) accidents were children under 16, with only 2% wearing helmets.¹ The **Let's Champion Rider Safety**® campaign, provides tips and resources for effective safety discussions and protection for young riders.



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PFB Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA

November 16-18, 2025

Keystone Farm Show, York, PA January 6-8, 2026

AFBF Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA January 9-14, 2026

Pennsylvania Farm Show, Harrisburg, PA January 10-17, 2026

New Healthcare Options for Members

PFB is excited to announce the kickoff of a new partnership with R&B Insurance Services to offer more services and better rates for our members!

R&B is offering a range of solutions that address the diverse insurance and benefit needs of all Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members:

- 1. **Health Insurance** Solo and family plans, and group coverage for farms/businesses with employees.
- 2. **Dental and Vision Coverage** Solo and family plans, and group coverage for farms/businesses with employees.
- 3. **Life & Disability Coverage** Life insurance and disability plans designed to protect the income of members and their families finances
- 4. **Ancillary & Specialized Solutions** Ancillary benefits like supplemental accident, critical illness, hospital indemnity, or telemedicine, and specialized solutions like Traditional IRA setups.
- 5. **Medicare Consulting** Guidance from licensed and experienced agents
- 6. **Benefits Navigation & Support** Personal consultations for selecting the right plans, help with enrollment windows, ongoing support throughout the policy year, and proactive plan reviews as life and business needs evolve.

Next Steps for Members

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members are invited to schedule a free benefits consultation with R&B Insurance. These sessions are designed to review existing coverage and identify any gap, help choose or adjust plans based on individual or farm/business demographics and budget, and navigate open enrollments and other enrollment deadlines.

To book a consultation, members can call (800) 473 -6807, email support@rbinsuranceservice.com, or visit https://www.rbinsuranceservice.com/contact

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New Members We Welcome You!

We welcome our newest members since the new kickoff began 7/1/25! We value your membership and hope you enjoy the publications you receive, follow our social media, engage in events, and share your story with us and others!

Denys Valdivia Jason Shue

Theresa Feese Cheyenne Wivell

Andrew Altobelli Trevin Caruccio

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Member Incentives!

July 1, 2025 begins a new campaign year for membership and we are celebrating 75 years of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau!

Here are the incentives this year:

- If you renewed by end of July: 5 chances to win
- Drawing for \$1,000 for any new signup for auto renewal received by October 31.
- Drawing of \$1,000 for any new member sign up by October 31st.
- For all new and renewal sign-up by September 30th, you will be entered into a drawing for the following: cash prizes of \$2000, \$1000, and (3) \$500 cash prizes.



New Member Benefit!

Did you know as a member you have access to our new legal services plan? These law firms specialize in legal areas commonly utilized by farmers, such as land use and zoning, Right to Farm, ACRE law, estate planning and elder care, employment law, taxes, and business and corporate structuring. Under PFB's Legal Services Plan, PFB members are entitled to a free 30-minute initial informational consultation with participating law firms concerning a member's area of legal need.

After the initial consultation, the law firm and member are free to decide whether to move forward with a legal relationship. Fees and rates are set solely by the law firms. PFB members should indicate their membership status when reaching out directly to the law firms. A list of participating firms and their practice areas are noted below.

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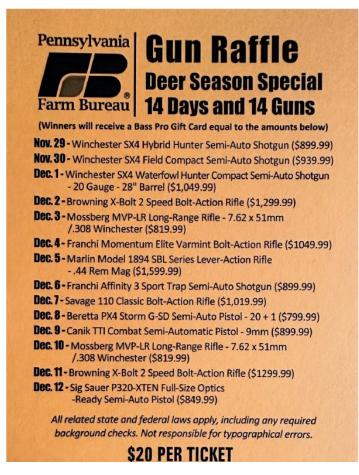


America250PA Quilt Raffle

Did you know we are celebrating America's 250th anniversary in 2026?! Did you know Friends of Farm Show Foundation has had the America250PA Quilt touring PA this summer at all of the Fairs? You could own this quilt. For a simple \$5 donation per ticket, you are entered into winning this quilt to take home during the Pennsylvania Farm Show! Reach out to Julie at (717) 324-3410 to get your ticket before they sell out!

2nd Annual Gun Raffle!

The Gun Raffle has returned! Proceeds once again benefit the Wildlife & Fisheries Committee. This is a statewide raffle sponsored by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. The mission is to generate monies to be donated to wildlife conservation organizations that promote understanding of time honored principles, such as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. 14 Days of Winners and you have the option of taking the gun or a gift card for Bass Pro Shops to purchase whatever you'd like! Tickets are \$20 each and winners are based on the PA Lottery Pick 4 Nightly Drawing. Make sure to ask a Board member to get your tickets before they are all gone!



Legislative Breakfast & Tour

This year Miller Plant Farm hosted York County Farm Bureau's Legislative Breakfast on August 29. Each year, we invite our legislators to come out and meet with our members to discuss topics related to York County in Agriculture. Thank you to the Miller family for hosting a beautiful event where 10 of our legislative offices were present to discuss topics such as solar, data centers, H2A workers, dairy pricing, eminent domain and more! Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to listen to us!

Wildlife Package Passed!

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's biggest legislative accomplishment this year is the wildlife package of SB 518 & HB 1431. This has been labeled at the Sunday Hunting Bill, but it is much more than that.

- 1. Key updates have been made to streamline deer removal by reporting within 24 hours from a phone call or using the web portal.
- 2. Deer carcasses can now be taken directly to a pre-approved processor instead of waiting for a Game Commission officer.
- The Governor must now appoint at least one member to the Game Commission who represents agricultural commodities tied to normal farming operations. This guarantees a voice for farmers in state wildlife decisions.
- 4. There are now Stronger Penalties for Trespassing While Hunting, which will be a summary offense of the second degree with license revocation up to one year. Repeat offenses within 7 years are misdemeanors with a five-year hunting ban.
- 5. Purple Paint is now recognized as legal notice against entry.
- And finally, the Sunday Hunting Language was Cleaned-Up, Removing outdated provisions; written permission is still required for hunting on private land Sundays.

This was 2 years in the making while we collaborated with the Game Commission. It shows perseverance and partnership pays off. It show the voice Farm Bureau has. Which you are a part of. Be proud of that.

Submitted by: Julie Schrum





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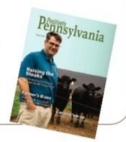




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