


# Washington County Farm Bureau



## **WINTER 2021 Newsletter**

 Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

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### WCFB President's Message

I hope that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving. It was great seeing a lot of you at our Fall Annual Meeting. Your representatives at the State Annual Meeting in Hershey from the county were Bill Black, Sonny Phillips, Gary Woodruff, Don Carter, and myself. We need your support and help in getting members to renew and getting new members. We are the voice of agriculture to our local legislators. We need to continue to keep in touch with them, especially when the State (PFB) sends out *Action Alerts*. Please respond to them. What helps is if you type in a paragraph in your own words on how that bill will affect you and your farm. It is also important that we continue to tell our story on social media. This is a good way to educate the public. I would like to thank you all for continuing to support the organization. Please don't hesitate to contact any board member if you have any questions. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year!

### Women's Leadership Committee

The Women's Leadership committee is selling the new book, Barn at Night. It tells of the adventures at night when growing up on the farm! An after-dark journey out to the barn, even on the coldest winter evening, can result in a warm and welcoming scene. Who is awake? Who is asleep? And who is just making their first appearance in the barn? We also have a few books from last year: What's in the Garden? Both books are \$10.00. Please contact Lisa Wherry to purchase. We are starting to collect paper products and any donations for the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh. We will be taking all the donations in April. If you would like to donate, contact Denise, Carolyn Molnar, or Lisa.

**\*\*\*Now on Facebook!!!! "Washington County Farm Bureau (PA)"**

**FOLLOW US & GIVE US A "like"!**

**Keep up with the agriculture, news, and progress in our county!!**

**Enjoy Your Local Farm Bureau Discounts!**

This is just a condensed list, but remember you must present your WCFB membership card at the time of purchase. A more detailed list can be found on our website: <https://pfb.com/local-fb-discount>.

**FEED & FARM SUPPLIES**

Pgh Agway(84, Mt. Nebo, Imperial, Beaver, Butler, New Castle)

Dave Bentrem, Farrier-- [www.threedranch.com](http://www.threedranch.com)

Dean’s Hardware--- 724-225-1002

Log Cabin Fence – 724-222-8755

Yoest Feed & Supply-- 724-663-5818

**FUELS & LUBRICANTS**

Cen-Pe-Co (see Dave F.): 740-238-0280

Growmark FS – 84 Site—724-222-4303

Sprague Energy – 724-884-2441

Route 40 Feed-- 724-632-3331

Export Fuel – 724-468-4185 (Ext.102)

**FARM EQUIPMENT**

Middletown Tractor – 888-892-7276

Schott’s Equipment – 724-222-3780

Knight’s Farm Service – 304-845-1525

Murphy Family Equipment – 724-225-0324

Tom’s Equipment – 724-356-7300

**FOOD & DINING**

The Springhouse – 724-228-3339

The Market Place – 855-674-6826

Spring Valley Bakery – 724-255-1943

*\*\*\*Please utilize your discounts while patronizing your fellow Farm Bureau members!!! Contact any Board member if you have any questions.*

**UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION!**

Please update your membership information on the PFB website: [www.pfb.com](http://www.pfb.com), Membership/Join Us/Update My Info. Especially your email address, so we can relay information quickly through technology!

When you have your email address in the system, you will receive updates to “**MY DEALS**”, a new program offering discounts from businesses in your local, state, & national areas. This program comes to your computer or mobile device. You need your membership number to enter these sites which is found on your WCFB card.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES BY DECEMBER 31, 2021!!!!**

This is very important in order to keep your “Accidental Death & Dismemberment “ insurance policy at it’s present pay-out amount. Although this is not a pleasant topic, many of our WCFB members have benefited from it when tragedy has struck on the farm.

**News from the Washington County Conservation District**

The Conservation District hopes everyone is having a good fall and a bountiful harvest. If you are planning on mechanically applying manure this fall to crop fields, the district would like you to consider your application rate, environmentally sensitive areas setbacks and winter application. These items are at the core of the Manure Management Plan. All farming operations that land apply manure or agricultural process wastewater, whether they generate the manure or import it from another operation, must have a written Manure Management Plan. All farming operations that include an Animal Concentration Area or pasture must also have a written Manure Management Plan. The Manure Management Plan identifies manure and fertilizer applications rates for each crop group. In the manure management manual, winter application is defined as December 15 through February 28, or anytime the ground is frozen 4 inches or the ground is snow covered.

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Penn State Extension is partnering with Washington County Conservation District to host the **Washington County Crops day**. The event will include discussion on soil compaction, plant disease review, grazing cover crops, and will provide NRCS and FSA updates. There will be 2 core (00) and 2 category (PC, 01,18) credits for pesticide applicators. The event will be held on Thursday, February 24th from 9 am to 4 pm at the Conservation District office. Registration is required and can be completed online at [extension.psu.edu/crops-days](http://extension.psu.edu/crops-days) or by phone at 1-877-345-0691. The cost of the event is \$15 if registered before February 16th, or \$20 after. The registration deadline is February 21st.

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The **Appalachian Grazing Conference** is held every two years and offers informative presentations and demonstrations to farmers with cattle, goats, and sheep. Participants

hear from America's leading speakers on strategies designed to increase their profits. The theme for the 2022 Appalachian Grazing conference is "Managing Water and Grasslands." The keynote speaker for the conference will be Greg Judy, who is the author of "COMEBACK FARMS, Rejuvenating Soils, Pastures and Profits with Livestock Grazing Management". The conference will be held on March 10-12, 2022 at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown, WV. More information about the agenda and registration can be found on the website at [www.wvagc.com](http://www.wvagc.com).

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The **2022 S.W. PA Soil Health Conference** will be held on January 26, 2022, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Saint Vincent College. The day will consist of speakers discussing the benefits of planting green, carbon credits, and pesticide credits will be available. The cost of the event is \$40 if registered before January 14th, or \$45 after. The registration deadline is January 20th.

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CHEMSWEEP will be in Washington County in 2022. For information, contact: James Cunningham at 717-772-5210 or: [jgcunningh@pa.gov](mailto:jgcunningh@pa.gov). Registrations forms must be received by February 28, 2022 and can be obtained on the PA Dept. of Ag website. Reminder! CHEMSWEEP is not a homeowner-oriented pesticide disposal program. (Please refer to the DEP's "Household Hazardous Waste Program" for information.)

As always, the conservation district is available to assist with any questions relating to nutrient management regulations and assistance in completing your manure management manual. Feel free to contact us at any time: 724-705-7098 or by email at: [tulrich@pawccd.org](mailto:tulrich@pawccd.org). Thanks, and we hope to hear from you!  
Tom Ulrich

#### **WCFB AVAILABLE SERVICES**

##### MSC Accounting Services

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##### Nationwide Insurance

Edward W. Schultz Agency  
1000 Main St., Bentleyville, PA  
Kit Carson: 724-809-4927

##### PFB Health Services

[pfb.com](http://pfb.com)

#### **AFBF Convention in Atlanta, Georgia!**

**January 7-12, 2022**

If you want the inside scoop when it comes to policies and perspectives that will affect your farm or agribusiness in 2022, don't miss the 103<sup>rd</sup> consecutive American Farm Bureau Convention. This is your opportunity to help set the agenda for the leading voice of agriculture in Washington D.C., and so much more. Participate in educational workshops to advance your leadership skills, expand your business acumen, and gain deep insight into the trends and realities impacting food production. Witness cutting edge innovation in Agriculture, hear from powerful speakers, and explore the trade show to build a stronger network, shop featured products, and idea-share with other state and county Farm Bureaus. Don't miss the chance to look beyond the horizon at the future of agriculture, sharpen your skills and help set the agenda in Washington D.C.! Open to any Farm Bureau member!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to WCFB's County award winners for 2021!

The "Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award" was given to Gary Woodruff. The "Distinguished Local Affairs Leader Award" was given to Don Carter.

#### **AG DAYS 2022 – April 22-23, 2022.**

Yes, Ag Days IS being planned at the Fairgrounds!! WCFB will be holding the annual Photo Contest. PLEASE refer to the Ag Days Facebook page for rules and deadlines for the contest. Also, brochures for the event will be distributed throughout the County!

#### **SAFEMARK Orders – 2022**

By now, everyone has been able to place their orders through Don Carter!!

**WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

**Newsletter c/o Gary Woodruff**

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Washington, PA 15301

*ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED*

***Open Immediately! Time Sensitive!***

***\*\*\*AG DAYS 2022---April 22-23!!!***

***\*\*\*Ronald McDonald House Drive***







