

A Note from the County President

Welcome to the most wonderful time of the year!

Like most of America, we farmers share in the love of giving and receiving Christmas gifts and hospitality. But we also welcome a much needed break from field work, and for seasonal farms it is a good chance to count our blessings from the previous year. A little rest is more than welcome!

Winter also brings some time for more formal education. We are fortunate to live in a place where there is a "critical mass" of farms and agricultural businesses providing ample opportunities for winter education. Whether it is the PA Farm Show, Keystone Farm Show, Mid Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Conference, or one of the many supplier-sponsored seminars on row crops, you can find lots of ways to learn something new... or at least get those spray credits renewed. Read further in this newsletter for a good listing of these opportunities.

Many of you have recently renewed your Farm Bureau memberships, and for that we thank you! Our combined efforts DO have an effect as we've seen recently in Washington. Last ditch efforts to fund the Farm Bill were successful in December, with a 1 year extension plus a \$10 billion allotment for relief payments to farmers. In today's political climate, that's a win.

Enjoy your winter! *Barron Shaw*

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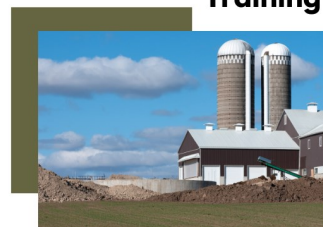


Manure Pit Training

York County Farm Bureau is partnering with Wellsville Fire Company and Nationwide to bring you Manure Pit Training on Sunday, May 25! During this four-hour session, the training uses a one of a kind manure pit rescue simulator that allows firefighters to work through various scenarios in different roles. Trainers will show participants how to safely enter a manure pit to perform rescue operations in low-oxygen situations. This training is offered through Nationwide and the National Education for Agricultural Safety, and is open to first responders, farmers and ranchers. Training will be held at Wellsville Fire Company, 95 Community St, Wellsville, PA. Buffet Breakfast begins at 8 AM with class promptly starting at 9 AM. RSVP to Julie at (717) 324-3410 via text or call or scan QR code below or complete online form!

Are you prepared for an on Farm Emergency?

Manure Pit Safety & Rescue Training Program by NECAS



FREE to York County Farms
& First Responders

Sunday, May 25, 2025 • Wellsville Fire Company

8am to 9am - Check-In & Breakfast Buffet
9am - Training Starts

95 Community St, Wellsville, PA 17365

Register by May 11, 2025
To Register or Questions:
<https://bit.ly/ManurePitTraining>
717-324-3410

Additional Information
& Registration



Mark your Calendar for YCFB Annual Strawberry Social!

The Annual York County Farm Bureau Strawberry Social will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025! More details to come in next issue!

Wildlife Committee Gun Raffle Winners!

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Wildlife and Fisheries Committee held a gun raffle to benefit public interest purposes related to outdoor and recreational educational efforts.

Thank you to everyone who bought or sold tickets! York County had 3 winners out of the 14! Congratulations York County*! Winners are:

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| 1. Matt Matincheck | 8. Nate Bingaman |
| 2. Mike Benfer | 9. Jan Pasdon |
| 3. John Berry, Jr. | 10. Grant Shaffer |
| 4. William Kincaid | 11. Daniel Demko |
| 5. Christian Hoffman | 12. Adam Potter* |
| 6. Luke Jones* | 13. Gabby Rockwell |
| 7. Lynn Godfrey* | 14. Mitchell Baldwin |

CHEMSWEEP Program in York County

2025 is the year for York County to participate in the CHEMSWEEP program. Submission deadline is March 31, so don't delay! The program provides farmers, pesticide applicators, pesticide business and dealers with a means to dispose of cancelled, unwanted, or unused pesticides. Participation is free for the first 2,000 pounds of waste pesticides. The funding source for this program comes from pesticide registration fees, pesticide applicator license fees, and pesticide business license fees paid annually to PDA. After you submit your application online at www.agriculture.pa.gov/Chemsweep, a PDA Regional inspector will visit your location to verify the inventory, sample any unknown pesticides if necessary, and assess any specific needs. The actual collection of your pesticides should fall between June and October 2025. For questions or paper form, contact your PDA regional office or James Cunningham at (717) 772-5210.



Annual Leadership Conference Coming

The Annual Leadership Conference is being held this year in conglomeration between YAP & P&E Committees! Don't miss out on this educational, networking event held in Harrisburg February 21-23, 2025.



Friday night begins with a welcome reception and meet & greet from 7-9 PM.

On Saturday, there are 3 tours to choose from at 8 AM, Hook & Flask Distillery, Masonic Village, or PA State Capitol. Opening lunch will be at 12 PM. You are highly encouraged to come early for the tours, but if time is a concern, you can always start the conference at lunch! Breakouts will happen all afternoon and wrapped up with keynote speaker Meagan Johnson. Evening entertainment will be Karaoke and Corn Hole tournament.

Sunday begins with breakfast followed by breakout sessions. Closing Session with lunch buffet will begin at 11:45—1:30 PM.

Registration is \$100 and is open to everyone, even non Farm Bureau members, so invite your neighbors family, and friends to come along! York County YAP members, we want to see you there, as this will be our first quarterly event for the new year! If you can't make all 3 days, come when you can because you will leave feeling inspired, renewed, and having made new friends! Hotel cost is \$155 with discount code.



February 21-23
Harrisburg Hilton

Cost is \$100
Register by Jan. 20

Welcome New York County FB Members!

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

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Christopher Prevas

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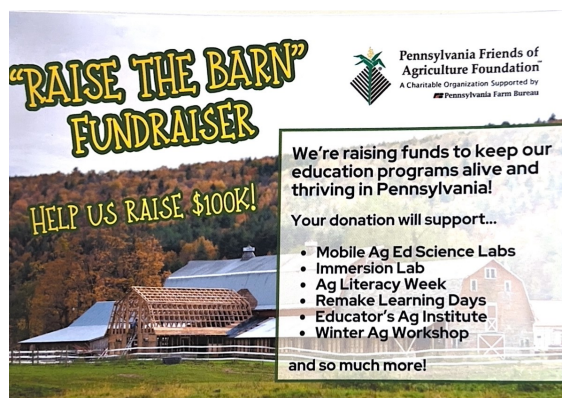
PFB Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau was held November 17-19, 2024 in Hershey, PA. Seven members of York County attended the event. There were 176 delegates on the floor Monday out of 187 and 157 delegates on the floor Tuesday out of 187. President Chris Hoffman was reelected for another term, and Julie Schrum was re-elected as District 8 Board seat. Kate Livingston Menges filled the District 8 seat for P&E Committee. PFB Board member Julie Schrum was elected onto the 2025 PFB Executive Committee along with Charlie Porter and Ray McMinn. It was great to see new members there to participate as well as seasoned veterans returning! Now, the policies that were passed will be headed to the National level in January at the AFBF Convention in San Antonio, TX. Your voice was heard in Hershey and will be heard again in Texas!

Raise the Barn Fundraiser!

Each year, the Friends of Ag Foundation has a fundraiser to help their non-profit budget for the year, previously you've seen it as Kiss a Pig, or Peer to Peer Fundraiser. Well, this year, it is Raise the Barn Fundraiser! The goal is the raise \$100,000 between now and April 30. This is an individual event where we are looking at a volume of individual donations to engage. Even a \$5 donation is appreciated to reach our goal.

The Friends of Ag are responsible for the Mobile Ag Ed Science Labs, Immersion Lab, Ag Literacy Week, Educator's Ag Institute, and much more! This additional money would help fund the "Dream Funds" which includes reaching out to educate the middle and high school students! We focus on elementary education, but when these students are nearing graduation, we want to be able to reach out to them and promote Ag for their career, future, and opportunities within Farm Bureau! Pennsylvania is the largest Ag Lab State! Let's make that continue to be #1 and more! Make sure to donate, share with your neighbors, family, friends, teachers, and even your employer! Help us reach this goal for the education of Ag in PA!



About the Foundation

Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation is a charitable organization supported by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. The Foundation has been educating the public and promoting agriculture, the largest of the Commonwealth's industries since its inception in 1986. Our farmers provide the food that feeds us, the food that keeps us healthy and nourishes us, the food that sustains our life. While agriculture continues to be a vital component of Pennsylvania's economy, many people do not understand its value and importance in their lives and our goal is to change that. Our Foundation has developed numerous educational programs that strive to bring agricultural education to students in unique and creative ways to teach them about farming, agriculture and how they get the food they eat.

Planting seeds. Cultivating knowledge.
Harvesting an understanding of agriculture.

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Did you know in the MyDeals App, you get a buy one get one free Arby's Roast Beef?! Make sure to download the app for even more savings as a FB Member!

Farm Bureau Bank

Did you know that Farm Bureau has its own bank? Did you know as a member, you have access to all the services they provide? They have been in business for 25 years and is overseen by AFBF President, 23 State Presidents, FBB CEO and 2 outside Directors. Their primary purpose began as a credit card bank, but has evolved to consumer and farm loans as well as checking accounts for all size businesses. They even provide annual reviews and expert recommendations to save time and money with accurate pricing. If you'd like to learn more, check them out at <https://www.farmbureau.bank>

State Legislative Update

Here are some of the legislative initiatives we are already pursuing to support Pennsylvania's agricultural infrastructure and farming communities.

FARMLAND PROTECTION

Solar Decommissioning Establishing clear guidelines for the responsible decommissioning of solar energy facilities is essential to protecting landowners from financial and environmental burdens. These measures ensure agricultural and rural lands can be restored for future use while fostering sustainable solar energy development.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Addressing Deer Overpopulation Farmers face significant losses from deer overpopulation and crop damage. We're advocating for modernized wildlife management practices, including:

- Expanding Sunday hunting opportunities.
- Increasing access to hunters for wildlife population control.
- Strengthening trespass laws to protect private property.
- Ensuring farmers have a stronger voice on the Game Commission.

INVESTING IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Support for Penn State Ag and Penn Vet Sustained investment in institutions like Penn State's College of Ag and Extension and Penn Vet is critical. Increased funding ensures these programs can continue training future farmers and advancing agricultural research, even as inflation pressures grow.

DAIRY INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Fair Compensation and Efficient Transport Dairy farming remains a cornerstone of Pennsylvania's agricultural economy. Key initiatives focus on:

- Reforming payment systems to ensure dairy farmers receive fair compensation in a competitive market.
- Allowing milk hauling 24/7 to prevent delays in transporting perishable goods, supporting farmers and the agricultural supply chain.

BEGINNING FARMER SUPPORT

Tax Relief for New Farmers Proposals to provide tax credits for those selling agricultural assets to beginning farmers aim to reduce barriers to entry. These efforts encourage growth and sustainability by making it easier for new farmers to join the industry.

*Submitted by: Mitchell Kurek,
State & Local Affairs Specialist*

Are You Turning 65 This Year and Going on Medicare?

 Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Health Services

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

PA Farm Show, Harrisburg, PA

January 4-11, 2025

Keystone State Farm Show, York, PA

January 7-9, 2025

Ag Promo/YAP Conference, Harrisburg, PA

January 14-16, 2025

AFBF Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX

January 24-29, 2025

Fruit & Vegetable Growers, Hershey, PA

January 28-30, 2025

Cornacopia, Harrisburg, PA

February 4, 2025

York County Ag Recog. Banquet, York, PA

February 4, 2025

YAP/P&E Conference, Harrisburg, PA

February 21-23, 2025

Region 2 Farm Bureau Day, Mechanicsburg, PA

March 5, 2025

Ag Literacy Week

March 17-21, 2025

FARMER Dinner, Harrisburg, PA

April 7, 2025

State Leg. Conference, Harrisburg, PA

April 8, 2025

Member Spotlight: Tim Jordan—Jordan Century Farms

One dreary day while delivering wheat seed, I felt compelled to help out the victims of Helene. I do believe that was God giving me a gentle nudge which I usually completely miss. This time, I did not. I heard it loud and clear. I told my wife, Renee, my thoughts and she was onboard with it! As much as Renee, myself, and our boys, Tyler and Tucker, wanted to head south, we absolutely could not due to my family just starting into harvest season. So, I took my ideas to Facebook. I offered a little bit of shed space that I had to people that wanted to donate some hay. They could deliver it to our farm and I'd see that it got to those in need. Next, I got some amazing contacts for Tennessee and North Carolina. These contacts have been just awesome! I hope to be able to remain friends with these amazing people forever! I've told so many people that I'm not sure who needed this more, those who needed the supplies, or those here at home who donated those needed supplies. Seeing these people at home come together and donate supplies warms my heart! So, first we started sending hay down which was a huge need and still is! The amount of hay that has been donated is nothing short of amazing. As my wife said, "Everytime I see a trailer of hay coming in the driveway, I get teary eyed." Another thing that gets me emotional is the amount of young men (ages 17-21) that donated their time, trucks, and trailers to help people out they have never met. Then, when I tell them we have money that people donated for fuel, the drivers say "no thanks, use that for supplies for those in need." That gives me hope for the next generation!

We have helped coordinate 54 loads this far that went south. Not every load has moved through our farm, but we had something to do with each one. I used some very conservative numbers, but as of December 15, 2024, we shipped over 156 tons of hay (\$28,000-\$30,000 worth). We sent three more loads before Christmas, and more the week after Christmas. We have also sent several loads of fencing supplies, as well as a toy run. While a few men from church were down delivering fencing supplies to Creston, NC, they overheard many families coming up to the Fire Chief, and saying they now have power but lost everything in their freezer. When they returned home and shared this story Sunday morning at church, I completely got nothing out of the sermon as my brain went right to work on figuring out how to get frozen food to Creston.



Back to Facebook I went to ask for chest freezers to use to haul frozen meat on my gooseneck trailer. The people came through once again with seven chest freezers, four of which I was told to donate to the victims! I had no idea how much frozen meat people would donate but within 2 days six of the freezers were full and seventh was 2/3 full. That Friday, my dad, Bob and mom, Lois, my wife Renee, myself, and my son Tucker headed for Grey, Tennessee with a trailer load of fence supplies. My oldest son, Tyler and his friend, Ryan followed with a trailer load of milk replacer and grass seed. We delivered our supplies Friday afternoon and talked with a few farmers. We were able to see the hay yard we had been sending hay to, got to meet my contact Joseph Redman, ate an amazing dinner and headed to our hotel room for the night. Saturday morning, my nephew, Dalton and his wife, Ali left home around 2:30 AM headed to Creston with the frozen meat. We drove into Creston, NC from TN to meet them. I've given Dalton many jobs over the years on the farm, but this was by far the MOST important one yet! This was a day none of us will ever forget as it was filled with a whirlwind of emotion! There were hugs, tears, and lots of laughs. We met people that day that are now great friends. The ride home from Creston Sunday was a quiet one. We loved being there but felt guilty coming home to warm houses with electric and running water. The best way I can describe our trip is I felt like a drop in a bucket. So much devastation you don't know which way to turn or where to start helping. But we were honored to be that drop in the bucket. With enough drops in that bucket, it will eventually get full. We were blessed to be a blessing. We are still sending hay, food and other supplies down and will continue as long as they need and the great people here in PA continue to donate. You have all been amazing!! As I sit writing this, my seventeen year old nephew Dustin and his buddy Chase are making their way down 81 headed to Creston with another load of hay, then going to help a roofing crew for a day before returning home for church Sunday morning. The God stories coming out of all of this is nothing short of amazing!! I can't share all of them or they will fill up this entire January newsletter! If you want to hear more, look me up, I'd be glad to share more. If anyone would like to donate hay/money for fuel and or other supplies, please get ahold of me! Thank you to Julie for asking me to share this story to reach new people! Please, continue to pray for these amazing people who lost so much. God hears your prayers and I see him working in amazing ways with all of this, I give Him all the Glory!

Sincerely, Tim Jordan

Kennard-Dale FFA Needs

Kennard-Dale FFA is in the process of building a new barn! Ag Ed is more than just a class you take, or the blue jacket you put on. While doing this new project, there is a list of needs to fill that barn!

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| *Buckets | *Wheel Barrows |
| *Feed Pans | *Shelving |
| *Grooming Supplies | *Halters |
| *Bird Netting | *Sawdust |
| *Goat Hay | *Heifer Feed |
| *Salt | *Goat Grain |

Also, if anyone is willing to loan or purchase animals for the students to take care of at the barn, as well as purchase or provide veterinary services, it would be greatly appreciated! For more information about donating items or animals, please reach out to the Kennard-Dale FFA Director, Hanna Harris. Email har-rish@sesd.k12.pa.us

Ag Literacy Week

March 17-21 is the 2025 Ag Literacy Week! This year's book is *The Soil in Jackie's Garden*. Join Jackie and her garden friends as they discover the wonders of gardening, soil secrets, and the magic of composting! Stay tuned for pictures and stories in the next newsletter!



2025 Membership

690 York County Farm Bureau members have renewed or joined for 2025 so far! Our goal is 801, so we need to close in that gap. If you didn't pay your annual dues, it's not too late, make sure to mail them in, pay online, or contact a Board member to come pick it up for you! Thank you for being a member, supporting the mission of being the voice for Ag, and participating in events! We have a lot of exciting new adventures for York County this year, giving back to you, the members and the community we serve!

Pennsylvania State Farm Show

Snow is expected, so you know what that means! The PA Farm Show is here in Harrisburg! Make sure to get out and visit this annual event.

This is the largest event in the state to educate the public on Ag! Stop out to see calving, sheep to shear, eat plenty of good food from the food court, see your local produce and vegetable growers, snuggle with a mini-



ature highland cow, or attend the legislative luncheon and hear what's happening at the state and national level. Of course, make sure to stop by the Farm Bureau booth located in the hall with the food court. The dates this year are Saturday, January 4—Saturday, January 11. For additional information and schedule of events, go to <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/farmshow/pa-farm-show.html>

Keystone Farm Show

We know all you local York County Farmers prefer to visit the Keystone State Show at the York Fairgrounds, and that is being held as well this coming week from January 7-9, 2025. This is the largest commercial farm equipment and service provider trade show in PA. Parking and admission is free, and you can still get good food and milkshakes while you are visiting! Stop by to see your local seed dealers, equipment dealers, grain handlers, and much more. PFB will also have a booth #119 in Building 1, so stop by and say hello to Kenny Sechrist, our ROD!





Member Benefits

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