

Summer 2024		BUTLER COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS WORTHY	Linda Halstead Editor
SAVE THE DATE			
June 28 – July 6, 2024 Big Butler Fair	July 14, 2024 – 12pm Butler County Farm Bureau Picnic Butler Farm Show	July 21, 2024 Eastern YAP Picnic Butler County	
August 5 – 10, 2024 Butler Farm Show	August 13 – 15, 2024 Ag Progress Days Pennsylvania Furnace, PA	October 3, 2024 Annual Meeting Prospect Fire Hall	
June 27, July 25, August 22, September 19th Butler Hospital Farm Market See Below for Information on Participation			
Board of Directors: President, James Thiele, Vice President, Evelyn Minter, Treasurer/Director Tom Goldscheitter Co-Secretaries, James and Linda Halstead Directors: Bill Duncan, Guy Daubenspeck, Sydney Merten, Zach Speer, William Thiele, YAP Chair, Brittany Speer ROD, Tyler Anderson			



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 Little Ideas
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Linda Halstead 724-272-5595 or email me at bcfb.secretary@gmail.com

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Butler Hospital Farmer's Market and More

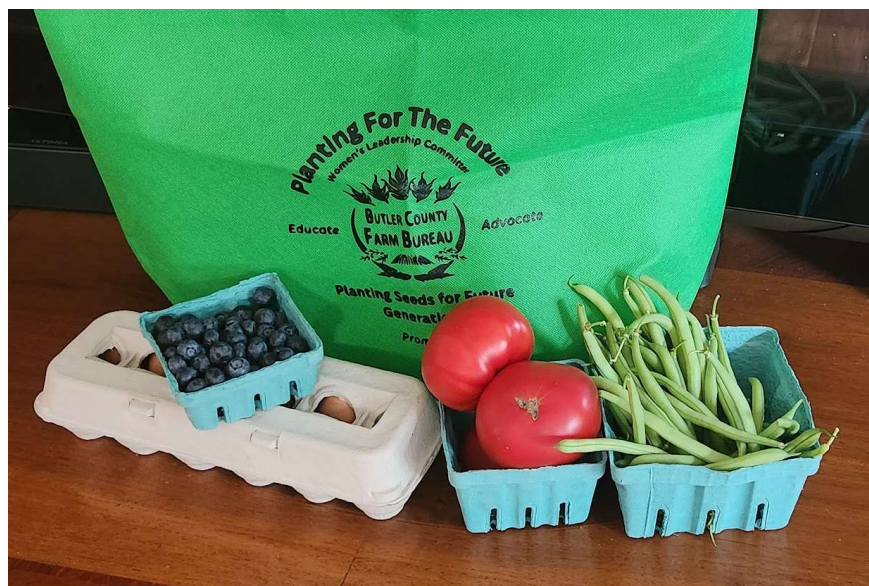
How does it work? Help us fill this bag with products from our members, we sell this bag at the Butler Hospital Farmer's Market and include information on the Market's that contribute to the bag.... wait for it.

YOU GET A CHECK FROM THE HOSPITAL FOR THE PRODUCTS YOU CONTRIBUTE.

So, we provide marketing, reaching several hundred people or more at the Butler Hospital, we sell your product in our bag, and you get paid.

And that's not all, we have other opportunities in the hospital and out to highlight and promote our Farms and Farmers.

For more information call Linda Halstead 724-272-5595



Thank You! We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank You for Our Planting For The Future...

Success!!!



Butler County Farm Bureau along with Women's Leadership Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting and coming to our 1st 'Planting for The Future' event on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Your support and attendance truly made a difference and contributed to the event's success.

Your involvement was greatly acknowledged and appreciated. We couldn't have accomplished this event without the help and hard work of Butler County Farm Bureau Members!

We hope you had a good time and found it educational, motivating, and entertaining. It was a joy to have you as a member of our community.

We'd also like to express our appreciation for your interest in helping our community learn about the importance of the impact we as farmers and the agricultural industry is to our community. We truly loved your excitement and passion and felt that your knowledge and experience was a wonderful contribution to our event.

As we move forward to plan our 2nd Annual "Planting for the Future"; 2025 event. We absolutely love to keep all of our wonderful members up to speed on our newest activities and ideas. If you have any questions, recommendations, or criticism, on how we can make "Planting for the Future" better! Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you once more for your attendance and participation in the event. Thank you very much!

That's Wrong!

**We Should
Change That!**

Are these things you have said to yourself or out loud? Maybe it means we need to have a policy to make changes? As a member of Butler County Farm Bureau, did you know you can set policy, like these?

Candidate Requirements We recommend nominating petitions: 1. Require candidates to disclose if they have been convicted of a felony, and ('21) 2. State that convicted felons cannot legally hold office. ('21)

During public health inspections for dairy farms, only the farms that score less than a 90 be penalized. ('21)

Policy development is the most important activity of the county Farm Bureau. It is an organized and on-going program of gathering ideas and opinions from the members. The county Policy Development Committee is responsible for editing, compiling, clarifying and submitting these ideas for discussion and action at the county annual meeting. Resolutions on state and national issues that are suggested by the majority of voting members at the county annual meeting are submitted to the state Policy Development Committee, and resolutions passed concerning local issues become county policy. The State Policy Development Committee then decides, by majority vote, which ideas are to be submitted as resolutions to the voting delegates at the PFB annual meeting. The voting delegates then decide, by majority vote, which resolutions are to be adopted as PFB policy.

These resolutions are published in an official policy book for the year and policies that are of national interest are then submitted to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Resolution Committee and voted on by voting delegates at the AFBF annual meeting. Adopted resolutions are then published after the annual meeting in the AFBF policy book.

If you have questions or would like to submit a policy change request, contact Evelyn Minter, 724-679-8169



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Butler County
July 21, 2024
11am-???

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HAVE YOU EVER INVITED SOMEONE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF BUTLER COUNTY FARM BUREAU?

Contact Evelyn Minter at bcbf.info@gmail.com or call her at 724-679-8169

Why Farmers Should

Become Members

Farm Bureau members are **leading together**.

When farmers notice a problem, they want to fix it. Sometimes, the problems are too big for one farmer to fix. The members of Farm Bureau are working together to make real change to advance agriculture in Pennsylvania.

Whether it's easing regulations on high tunnels, changing a law to allow wider equipment on the roads, or making it easier to expand agritourism, we're leading the way forward together. When one member has an idea, thousands of members make it a reality. Join us by becoming a member of Farm Bureau today and take advantage of benefits such as:

- The united voice of Pennsylvania's largest general farm organization advocating for you.
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- A chance to network with farmers across the nation and build relationships with elected officials at every level of government.
- Access to important information to help you manage and improve your operation.
- Your share of \$2.5 million in annual savings available through dozens of member benefits as well as local discounts.
- Opportunities to educate consumers about agriculture through initiatives like Ag Literacy Week, the Mobile Ag Lab program, and more than 160 county outreach events.

Why Everyone Should

Become Members

You don't have to be a farmer to be a Farm Bureau member. Farm Bureau members care about the stories behind their food and drink and are dedicated to supporting the farmers who make it all happen. Their membership supports our efforts to preserve the state's agricultural heritage and ensure that family farms can continue to produce local food, grow their communities and promote responsible stewardship of the land and natural resources. At the same time—through *Positively Pennsylvania* magazine—our non-farming members get the inside scoop on farm-to-table cuisine, craft beverages and farm-fresh food right from the people with the most intimate knowledge of Pennsylvania food culture: our state's farmers.

That's in addition to the wide range of benefits that come with Farm Bureau membership—from a major discounts on amusement park tickets to savings on vehicles, utilities, prescription drugs, hotels, car rentals, household supplies and more many more everyday purchases.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's mission is simple: Growing Communities. Many Voices. United Vision. We believe that's a cause that everyone—not just farmers—can get behind. Farm Bureau members play an important role in our efforts that extend far beyond agriculture, from our annual charitable campaign to benefit Ronald McDonald House charities to our advocacy to get farm-fresh products into food banks and for rural communities to have access to quality health care, infrastructure and internet access.

Membership Benefits | Together We Can

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Place: Butler Farm Show Grounds

Please Bring a Side Dish or Desert and Chairs

RSVP by July 10, 2024 to Evelyn Minter 724-679-8169

MEMBERSHIP IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR ORGANIZATION, PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO COME OUT AND LEARN MORE ABOUT BUTLER COUNTY FARM BUREAU AND HOW THEY CAN SUPPORT AGRICULTURE!

Bring a guest to our picnic on July 14th, membership brochures will be available if your guest joins, they will get a \$5 discount on membership, and you will be entered into a drawing.