



Berks County Farm Bureau Berks Newsletter

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Our Spring Banquet April 4 at Oley has been canceled! Instead we would love to see you at...

The LaFaver Barn Tour Open house:
Saturday, April 5 from 5-8 with free admittance rain or shine
Located in Hamburg at 1241 Hex Hwy, Hamburg PA 19526

PFB members can meet new farm bureau members,
Travis and Emily LaFaver and their family.

Here is a description of their farm: LaFaver family farm is a cow / calf grazing operation. Rotating cattle from pasture to pasture every couple days! We strive to raise premium beef at an affordable cost! All our products are USDA certified and sold by the pound at our two retail stores and other local stores and restaurants! Emily will open her farm store for everyone to see and shop if they want.



There will be hot dogs and refreshments available.

Join us in Baseball Town!

At the Barn Tour, you will also be able to pick up your free RPhils tickets for the date of June 18. Just look for Bob Tercha. If you can't make it please send a self addressed stamped envelope to: Bob Tercha 25 Mertz Rd, Mertztown PA 19539. He will mail you a ticket (limit 6 per family).



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**Save The Date for our Fall Banquet:
September 26, 2025 Oley Valley Fair Center**



2025 Pennsylvania Dairy Industry Award Winners Announced

At this year's Pennsylvania Dairy Summit, the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania, Center for

Dairy Excellence, and Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association awarded three dairy professionals with the 2025 Pennsylvania Dairy Industry Awards. The annual awards program recognizes dairy professionals who showcase leadership, service, and excellence across the state's dairy industry.

All applications were reviewed by an awards committee of dairy producers and industry professionals. Nominees were evaluated for their contributions to the industry and letters of support from their peers and fellow dairy producers.

"There was an excellent pool of nominees for this year's Dairy Industry Awards, but these individuals stood out for the impact they're making in both their local communities and the dairy industry at large," said Emily Barge, Communications and Marketing Manager at the Center, who oversees the award program. "These are hard-working, passionate and forward-thinking dairy professionals, and their accomplishments are impressive. They are true examples of the Pennsylvania dairy industry's commitment to service, innovation, and excellence."

Congratulations to the following dairy professionals who were honored at the 2025 PA Dairy Summit:

The Paxton Family of Irishtown Acres in Grove City, PA received the Pennsylvania Distinguished Dairy Producer Award.

Raechel Sattazhan, Director of Industry and Membership Relations at Horizon Farm Credit, received the Pennsylvania Dairy Service Award.

Stephanie and Hayley Painter of The Painterland Sisters received the Pennsylvania Dairy Innovator Award.

The Dairy Industry Awards are offered annually to Pennsylvania residents. Qualified applicants stay in the nomination pool for three years after being submitted for consideration. Nominators can update the nomination each of the two years following their original submission. Once a candidate is honored as a winner in an award category, they or individuals representing them are not eligible to win in any other category for two subsequent years. Nominations for next year's award program will be accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year, closing in November of 2025.

To learn more about the winners: <https://ici4u.com/4gLEIAZ>

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
March 14	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:00 p.m.
April 5	Lafaver Farm Tour	1241 Hex Hwy, Hamburg	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
May 2	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
June 13	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
July 11	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:00 p.m.
September 26	Fall Banquet	Oley Valley Fair Center	6:30 p.m.



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