

LANCASTER COUNTY FARM BUREAU

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Lancaster County Farm Bureau Members,

Fall is here, and harvest season is in full swing. While most of the county had a very productive year there are some of our members that have not had the most ideal weather conditions at their farms and have and will continue make hard decisions. Reach out to your neighbor and check on them from time to time.

I want to thank everyone that came out to the summer picnic/annual meeting at cherry crest adventure farm. We had over 200 people in attendance for a beautiful and productive meeting. The membership in attendance voted to send three policies on three policies to send to the state for the delegate session coming up in November at PFB annual meeting at The Hershey Lodge.

At Annual meeting we made an announcement of a very large fundraising campaign we will be starting later this fall that I wanted to inform everyone that could not attend as well. The board at our August meeting approved to us up to \$20,000 in matching funds to help raise money for the replacement of one of the Friends of Ag Foundations Mobile Ag Labs. Due to members like yourself, money donated to Lancaster Farm Bureau many years ago and smart

financial planning by the board over the last 15-20 years we are more than prepared for a gift of this size and as more details of the fundraising campaign are set in stone, we will be sure to share.

We also announced at summer picnic that the County Farm Bureau is looking for a new paid newsletter editor, help format, edit, proofread, and send the county newsletters to all of our members so that you are informed. If you are interested in this, please let us know.

I want to thank each one of you for your continued support of the Farm Bureau organization. If you have any questions/comments/concerns, please let me know. Finally, I want to wish everyone of you a safe Fall season as we harvest the 2022 crops, and I want to stress safety, all of the work that we do as farmers and agriculturalist means nothing to those around us, if we are not coming home at the end of the day.

Sincerely,

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Becoming Active and Gaining Value.

Are you one of the LCFB members that is looking for ways to get involved or wants to get more out of your membership? Below is a list of a few ways you can make that happen.

Become a member of the Women's Leadership Committee

Serve on a government relations committee for your State Representative / Senator

Serve as a county board member

Join the Young Ag Professionals Committee

Join the Ag Promotion Committee

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 14th -16th PFB Annual Meeting
Hershey Lodge

Jan 6th-11th AFBF Annual Meeting
Puerto Rico

Feb. 4th-5th PA Young Ag Professionals Leadership Conference (age18-35)
Boalsburg Wyndom

March 3rd-6th AFBF Fusion Conference
Jacksonville FL.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Communication Updates

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Applauds Agriculture's Inclusion in 2022-23 State Budget

CAMP HILL – Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is pleased that the 2022-23 state budget will institute a program for conservation funding on farms, with \$220 million in funding to create the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) to the clean streams fund, aimed at reducing nutrient and sediment runoff, which comes as a huge victory for farmers as PFB's biggest legislative ask of the year.

While information regarding how the funds will be administered to county conservation districts is not yet available, a burden will be lifted off a lot of farmers that can now implement their best land management practices on their properties to keep the environmental impacts to a minimum.

As a whole, conservation districts will receive an increase of \$6.8 million, with \$5 million coming from the Department of Environmental Protection and the other \$1.8 million coming through the Department of Agriculture.

The 2022-23 state budget also notably includes \$32 million to help combat avian influenza, with

\$25 million of the funding coming in the form of indemnity payments to the impacted farmers. An additional \$6 million is available to increase laboratory surveillance activities while another \$1 million was allocated for additional staffing for the Department of Agriculture.

An increase of funds to the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission was also a part of the 2022-23 budget, which is a win for Pennsylvania farmers. When the original budget proposal was rolled out the program was essentially going to be cut, but the final iteration of the budget saw the commission reinstituted with an increase in funding.

Agricultural research and extension were given an increase of five percent, which is just shy of \$3 million worth of funding for the 2022-23 year.

The budget also reinstates a \$5 million general fund appropriation for the Farm Show, reducing the reliance on Race Horse Development Fund dollars. The budget increases funding for the State Food Purchase Program by \$2 million as well, to provide emergency food assistance and purchase surplus agricultural products.

Overall, the Department of Agriculture will see just shy of a 30 percent increase this year in funding.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President Rick Ebert shared the following thoughts on the 2022-23 state budget: "I'm really happy with the passage of the state budget this year with agriculture being the number one industry. We had our priorities of the extension service and the diagnostics lab supported. It really shows legislative support for the ag industry.

In addition, the added funding for conservation will help us reach our 2025 water quality goals for the Chesapeake Bay. We have a lot more funding resources to go back to the conservation districts to work toward

that goal so farmers can implement practices to reach those goals."

PFB Hosts Dairy Pricing Discussion Meetings

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) held its most recent dairy pricing discussion meetings on Monday, July 10th in Ebensburg at Hoss's, and Friday, July 15th at

Brubaker farms in Mount Joy. The discussions have been ongoing across the state this past year.

The main part of the discussions revolved around PFB policy regarding the over order premium, allowing members the opportunity to learn about milk pricing to influence county policy as policy development gets underway.

Attendees heard from multiple speakers, including PFB State Board Director David Graybill, PFB State Dairy Committee Director of Region 3 Ron Wenger, Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board Executive Secretary Carol Hardbarger, American Farm Bureau

Federation Economist Danny Munch and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Executive Deputy Secretary Greg Hostetter.

PFB is encouraging members to attend county policy development meetings and the

state annual meeting to have their voices heard in impacting policy.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau

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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MEMBERS WITH THE LONGEST CONTINUES MEMBERSHIP

45 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Glenn E. Brubaker,	Thomas W. Aaron,	Lloyd Esbenshade,	Adam Oberholtzer,
Verna M. Martin-Hahn,	Wilmer L Shertzter,	James C. Landis,	Jessie Harnish,
J. Larry Hess,	John K. Garber,	Paul K. Brubaker,	R. Edwin Harnish,
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*Alfred M. Wanner Jr.,	Harold S. Musselman,	Charles H. Rohrer.	

40-44 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Paul M Fahnestock,	*Glenn D Aument,	Galen R Martin,	J Ray Ranck,	Clair Landis,
David E Merkey,	Gordon B Hoover,	*Esther Stoltzfus,	Ezra Burkholder,	J Robert Haverstick,
Samuel F Long,	*Isaac Geib,	Willis S Nolt,	Kenneth Garber,	Luke F Brubaker,
Thomas L Zartman,	Glenn F Shenk,	L Lavern Rutt,	Robert E Kulp,	*John H Wolgemuth,
Donna E Kreider,	Samuel M Conley,	A Dale Herr,	David T Wanner,	Clifford L Charles,
Morgan Foose,	Walter Clair Martin,	Clark Stauffer,	J Clayton Charles,	Dean Edward Bare,
Elvin L Martin,	James E Kettering,	Robert E Wagner,	Kenneth Redcay,	Nelson K Ginder,
James M Harnish,	Kenneth L Balmer,	Charles A Hess,	Florence Kline,	Robert Grumelli,
Paul D Mast,	June Alicia Miller,	Barry L Neff,	Timothy P Trayer DVM,	Cletus L Balmer,
Dale Balmer,	Donald H Welk,	Ammon Martin,	*J Richard Brenneman,	David H Frey,
Douglas L Hawthorne,	D L Rohrer Farms LLC,	James R Erb,	L Clair Miller,	Dale M Nolt,
Paul D Funk,	T Hershey Rohrer JR,	Craig A Frey,	David A Hoover,	Dennis Lehman,
Mark W Weiler,	Paul N Newcomer,	Nevin H Dourte,	Donald W Witmer,	Dwayne A Peifer,
P Kenneth Rohrer,	Ralph S Todd,	Ada Mae Burkholder		

35-39 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

James R Spickler,	Leroy H Welk,	Fred W Martin,	Kenneth S Meck,	Thomas C Lapp,
Robert H Landis,	Jay L Bleacher,	Nelson R Habecker,	Wilmer E Horst,	Wilmer Groff,
John N Rohrer,	Lois Petersheim,	John M Burkholder,	Robert Charles Groff III,	Charles Neff,
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Wesley Shore,	F Leslie Hershey,	Roy L Slaymaker,	Dale Weiler,	A Lamar Bauman,
Jeffrey S Barley,	Joan E Fehl,	John Coleman JR,	Benjamin H Burkholder,	Alfred T Crothers,
Noah K Beiler,	Richard D Rohrer,	Frank Bachman,	Mark Roney,	Dale G Stoner

*Denotes service on county board since 1997 first year of state record

YOUNG AG PROFESSIONALS-2022 COMPETITIVE EVENTS

The Pennsylvania Young Ag Professionals (YAP) will again be hosting their competitive events for Farm Bureau Members 18-35 across Pennsylvania. These events include Discussion Meet, Achievement Award, Excellence in Ag Award, and Social Media Competition.

Achievement Awards and Excellence in Agriculture Award competition is designed as an opportunity for young farmers and ranchers to earn recognition, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture. Participants will be judged on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, and participation/involvement in Farm Bureau and other organizations (i.e., civic, service and community). The ideal candidate(s) for the Achievement Award is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of his/her net income subject to normal production risks. The ideal candidate(s) for the Excellence in Agriculture Award is an individual or couple who does not have a majority of his/her net income subject to normal production risk.

Discussion Meet participants build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems. A successful participant is a productive thinker rather than an emotional persuader. He/she will assist the group in creating ways to implement the solutions discussed and highlight Farm Bureau's involvement in those actions/steps.

Winners of these three events will earn a trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico on Jan. 6-11 to compete at the national level.

More information on all these events can be found on the PFB website, YAP tab.

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