
Mercer County Farm Bureau

Newsletter of the Mercer County Farm Bureau

A quarterly publication

July 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

MCFB Board Meeting

County Board meets at
8 pm the first Monday
of the month at the Pig
Barn, Munnell Run Farm

NO-TILL FIELD DAY
JULY 21-22
East Hill Farm
4766 Lamor Road
Bill Canon for info

PICNIC
JULY 29
PFB Picnic with Beaver
and Lawrence County
Enon Valley 6 pm

**Mercer County
Legislative**
August 11
T. R. Shearer Ag
Commodities
4691 Sandy Lake Rd
Reservations due to
George Gregg by
August 6

RENEW MEMBERSHIP
Sept 30 for tractor entry

MCFB Annual Dinner
Friday, September 30
Watch for details

PENNSYLVANIA FARM BUREAU TO GIVE AWAY A TRACTOR

As if there weren't enough great reasons to join Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, now you could win a tractor! You could find a Massey Ferguson 23 HP tractor with mower deck and bucket on your property. If you renew your membership by September 30, 2022 you will be automatically entered into the drawing for this workhorse that will help you get many jobs done in no time! New members are also eligible and can join all the way up to the day of the drawing on November 15, 2022.



As a member of PFB, you already know of the benefits of membership. PFB represents families engaged in all types of agriculture who love, respect, and support Pennsylvania agricultural life in a variety of ways. People who want to see family farms continue to produce local food, grow their communities and promote responsible stewardship of the land and natural resources.

Farm Bureau is active in educating members of our communities to increase awareness and an understanding of agriculture as well as advocating for policies that benefit rural communities. Recent accomplishments include agritourism civil liability, beginning farmer tax credits, stronger hunting and trespassing laws including using purple paint instead of posting signs, elimination of state inheritance tax for farms, and investment in agriculture. Currently PFB is leading the effort to protect landowners who lease to solar energy or who have natural gas wells as well as pushing for federal laws to bring whole milk to schools, and advocating for the elimination or reform on the state's property tax system. The voice of rural constituents is being heard!

Membership also has a plethora of benefits from hotel discounts to trucks. Now members will also have the opportunity to enroll in My Free Pharmacy which has access to free medications at your local pharmacy or delivered to your home.

Renew now – your membership will go through December 2023! Definitely make sure you renew by September 30 to be entered for the tractor!

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LEGISLATIVE TOUR TO BE HOSTED TO TODD SHEARER

Local legislatures have been invited to a tour of T.R. Shearer's Ag Commodities location for a tour, a time for farmers to present information from a farmer's perspective on current legislation that is being debated and a luncheon. MCFB members are invited to attend, but will need to submit a reservation to George Gregg at 724-372-9587 or at Georgregg9@hotmail.com by August 6. The event will begin at 10 am at 4691 Sandy Lake Road (Rte. 173), north of Sandy Lake. This is a wonderful event to find out current issues and see how PFB is expressing concerns to our lawmakers.

PICNIC—SUMMER CONCERT EVENT

Mercer County Farm Bureau Members have been invited to a picnic hosted by Beaver and Lawrence County Farm Bureau. This event will take place instead of the MCFB Picnic. The event will be held on July 29 and is expected to last from 6pm – 10pm. The Wrangler Band will be performing while farm bureau members can ride a mechanical bull, play cornhole and other yard games. Food trucks and a cash bar will be on site. Farm bureau members are admitted free while nonmembers are being asked to make a donation. The fun will be at the SNPJ Rec Center in Enon Valley located at 1970 Mt. Jackson Road.

The National Football League, The National Dairy Council, *and* Marie Canon

More than 11,800 schools in the North East region belong to the Fuel Up to Play 60 initiative. This program was created through the partnership of The National Football League and the National Dairy Council promoting health and wellness. Students are challenged to complete all of the steps of the program that runs from September to April each year to earn a touchdown for their school. Schools that meet the goal are awarded with a virtual program - one that featured Marie Canon of West Middlesex. Marie showed the students around their farm and shared information on the care of their animals and land.

OH HOW

Whether you
roast it in hot
looking forward



SWEET IT IS!

grill it, boil it, microwave it, or
coals, it is likely that you are
to corn on the cob season.

Maybe you prefer yellow and white corn to yellow. Maybe you eat your corn from left to right or around and around or cut it off the cob. Regardless of your preference, it is one sweet treat!. Can you answer the following questions about sweet corn? Take

the quiz on the next page. Statistics are from 2018 and according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

1. Where does Pennsylvania rank in production of acres of sweet corn in the United States? a) 1st b) 5th c) 10th d) 22nd

2. How many farms in Pennsylvania grow sweet corn? a) 1248 b) 1403 c) 1594 d) 1672
3. How many acres of sweet corn were grown in Pennsylvania? a) 10,884 b) 11,514 c) 12,996 d) 15,293
4. The value of the sweet corn crop in Pennsylvania in 2018 was estimated to be a) 2.47 million b) 24.75 million c) 247.5 million d) 2.4 billion

1-c, 2-d, 3-b, 4-c

SWEET CORN FACTS

The average ear of corn has 800 kernels in 16 rows.

1. Only 1% of corn planted in the United States is sweet corn.
2. Corn cobs always have an even number of rows.
3. The types of corn grown in America are dent corn, flint corn, pod corn, popcorn, flour corn, and sweet corn.
4. The world record for the tallest corn stalk is more than 35 feet.
5. An acre of corn eliminates 8 tons of carbon dioxide from our air.
6. More than 90 million acres on earth are dedicated to producing corn.
7. Corn is used in non-food items like fireworks, glue, fabric, crayons, fuel, paint, laundry detergent,
8. The scientific name for sweet corn is Zea mays saccharate or Zea mays rugosa.
9. The first mechanical corn harvested was invented by Gleaner Harvester Combine Corporation in 1930.
10. A bushel of corn can sweeten 400 cans of soda.
11. 91 gallons of water is needed to produce one pound of corn.”.
12. The United States produces about 1/3 of the world’s corn

Reference

<https://www.mypadssweetcorn.com/blog/corn-facts/#:~:text=Sweet%20corn%20becomes%20starchy%20easily,sweeten%20400%20cans%20of%20soda>

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