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SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
FARM BUREAU

August 2022



SCFB sponsors First Annual Direct
Marketing of Local Produce Symposium

On Wednesday September 14 from 10am to 2pm, we will host an exciting opportunity for local producers to feature displays of various fruits and vegetables, meat, hay, and Christmas trees. This will take place at the Green Gables Pavilion in New Milford.

In addition, some of these producers will conduct a dialogue on how each went about becoming a direct seller to the public. This will take place in the morning period while we hear their personal stories of success as well as issues they needed to overcome in making their dream a reality.

The afternoon session will give everyone an opportunity to not only meet with the producers but also to discuss with government agencies and financial institutions the ins and outs of creating this type of business in direct selling to the consumer.

There is a \$10 charge for the event and that includes lunch provided by Green Gables. Reservations are therefore necessary with a deadline of Sept 5th. Please call John Benscoter at 570-833-4250 or call/text Jim Barbour at 607-435-0830 or Dave DeLeon at 607-768-9893 to RSVP or to ask any questions about this unique event in Susquehanna county.

SCFB Coming Events

- **August 15th - 20th**, The Harford Fair is just around the corner. We will again have our SCFB booth in the usual location near the Grandstand area. Please stop by to say hello, have a cup of milk or an apple, pick up an informational flyer and bring a friend with whom we can share about joining Farm Bureau.
- September 1st at 5pm we will have our annual picnic, held at Belchers Pavilion in South Gibson; just follow the signs off route 92. We will have barbecue chicken and sweet corn along with many dishes that are brought by many of you. All Farm Bureau members are welcome. We have an entertaining evening planned with some surprise guests you'll enjoy hearing from.

In addition to delicious food and presentation the evening also serves an important function for Susquehanna Farm Bureau. It enables us to stress the importance of developing policy which, once approved at the county annual meeting, we can take to Hershey in November for state approval. Therefore, this is a critical opportunity for you, our membership, to introduce issues you feel are important to all of us.

Here's hoping for a large turnout on Thursday evening Sept 1 and we are looking forward to seeing and hearing from each of you.

- **September 14th from 10-2** at Green Gables Pavilion in New Milford, we will have our "Farmer to Consumer" sales symposium.
- **September 24 from 10am to 2pm** our county commissioners will be sponsoring the Susquehanna County Health, Wellness and Safety Day. This will be at the new Gibson Public Safety Center at 210 Public Way in New Milford. Susq County Farm Bureau will have a table there to participate in this worthwhile event.
- **October 7th** - Save the Date. We will have our annual dinner meeting at the Montrose Bible Conference. 5:30 social hour and 6:30 dinner. Details to follow in our next newsletter in September.




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Local Discounts for Farm Bureau Members in Susquehanna County

SCFB Members - show your membership card at these participating businesses and ask about the Farm Bureau discount.
www.pfb.com/localdiscounts

Andre & Son, Inc. - True Value (Montrose) - 5% off any in-stock store items not already on clearance or promotional pricing.

Auto Plus (Great Bend) 10% off

Barhites Sales & Rentals (Clifford) 10% off all rentals, 5% off all sale items in-stock/shop repairs, 5% off parts, 15% off labor

Blue Stone Pizzeria (Hallstead) 10% off all menu items

Gerard E. Shinn Construction (Uniondale) 5% off any contracted work

Glezen's Power Equipment Inc. (Hallstead) 10% off parts

J&J Springs (New Milford) 10% off all water delivery to homes

JDE Salon (Montrose) 20% off all retail products

Liberty Carpet, Inc. (Hallstead) 10% off in-stock & special-order flooring, 5% off hardwood

Little Leaf Natural Products (Montrose) 10% off everything; must show membership card

Maloney's Pub & Restaurant (Hallstead) 10% off food on Sunday and Monday only

Montrose Feed & Supply (Montrose) 5% off bedding & feed

Montrose Produce (Montrose) 5% discount

New Milford Hardware (New Milford) Trade Discount - up to 10% off depending on item

Rhonda's Country Heart Décor (Montrose) 10% off everything in store

Scarfaloto Hometown Market (Montrose) 5% off total order

Speakeasy Saloon & Resort (Union Dale) 10% off any dinner and room rental

Stone's Trustworthy Hardware (Great Bend) 10% regular priced items; some exclusions apply

Strauss Chiropractic/Northeast Nutrition (Kingsley) Initial consult, complete exam & x-rays for \$25 (normally \$175-250)

Summit Workwear (New Milford) 15% off boots and workwear

Timberline Lawn and RV (Montrose) 10% off in-stock or ordered parts; \$100 minimum purchase

Government Relations

Pa Farm Bureau has seen some recent changes in new hires for leadership positions in the Government Affairs and Communications division.

Justin Clapper who has been a Regional Organization Director is now the manager of this division. We are very fortunate to bring on board two new faces to this critical area. Bailey Thumm is the new Federal Affairs Specialist and therefore our main lobbyist in Washington DC. Kyle Kotzmoyer is our new State and Local Affairs Specialist who is our important lobbyist in Harrisburg.

Recently both Bailey and Kyle had an opportunity to show how busy both have been by having a legislative update session with all interested Farm Bureau members. By having a virtual presentation, more folks were able to listen, watch and ask questions. In quite a few cases there were small groups that got together to share their thoughts as well during the zoom update to create more insight during the conversation period.

Highlights from the Federal area covered Climate and Sustainability, Infrastructure (transportation and broadband), Supply Chain, Livestock (beef, dairy and poultry). Major topics on the state and local level focused on Conservation, Meat Processing, Solar and Alternative Energy, Stormwater and Stream Maintenance, Natural Gas and the Grain Indemnity Fund.

All of us that were tuned to this presentation learned much more about these issues and how we will, as members, continue to support progress in these areas of concern.

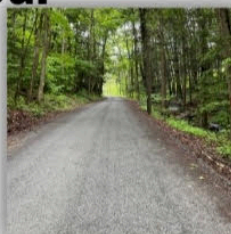
Susquehanna County Conservation District Legislative Conservation Tour September 8, 2022



Aldrich Homestead
Est. 1841,
7 Generation Dairy Farm
Owned & operated by:
Scott & Valerie Aldrich,
Nathan Aldrich
10775 N Weston Rd.
Montrose, Pa 18801



Harford Farm & Flower Market
1778 Grinnell Rd
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specializing in organic produce and flowers



The Wildenberg Road project in Clifford Township consisted of 650' of 1.5 'deep base rock, 1,850 feet of DSA, replacement of 3, 18" cross pipes with outlet basins, 100' of underdrain, and driveway improvements on one driveway. 75' of creek bank was also stabilized with R-6 rip-rap. The project also included two general permits.

Registration: 8:00 A.M. @ SCCD Office building, 89 Industrial Drive Montrose
Tour time: 8:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Cost: \$10 (Lunch at Bingham's Restaurant included)
RSVP: by August 5, 2022- Make checks Payable to Susquehanna County Conservation District

Name _____ Phone number _____

of attendees _____ Preferred way of travel- bus or self (Circle one)

****Seating is limited** if you prefer to follow the bus, please let us know.**

Transportation provided by Shafer's tour & charter company



Any questions please contact us at 570-782-2105 or soil@suscondistrict.org

Growing Strong Leaders

The Growing Strong Leaders Conference was hosted by Wyoming/Lackawanna Counties. We met at Brown Hill Farm for a brief history of the farm and a tour around the flower fields. We were then invited to cut some blooms for ourselves.

A huge thank you to Judy Shoop for all of her planning, and to Scott and Michelle Brown for a fun and informative evening and a wonderful meal.



AG Literacy

PA and Susquehanna County Farm Bureau continue to support Ag Literacy in our schools. Last year, the Friends of Ag Foundation came up with the idea of Agriculture Awareness Crates for elementary classrooms. Our Board, in addition to individual donations by members, were able to supply crates to each elementary school in the county.

This year, crates again will be available to every school. Along with an outside donation plus support from our Board and a few individuals, we will provide crates on other topics related to agriculture. In late September for grades K-2, the topic is Beef Cattle. In December, the focus is on Maple Syrup for grades 3-5, and in March, sheep will be the subject for grades K-2.

Each box or crate will contain an Ag accurate book, standards-based lesson plans including whole group mini-lessons, access to printable worksheets, experiment supplies if applicable and a recipe to share.

We've received accolades from the teachers who have participated and used these materials last year in realizing the success with this program. We look forward to seeing each crate this year and those in the future.