

Union County Farm Bureau

Quarterly Newsletter



September 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that fall is here already. It has been quite a summer for the county Farm Bureau. In July we had the annual multi-county picnic at Knoebels Amusement Park. The attendance was great! It was a great time to just relax and enjoy some time with fellow Farm Bureau members. Later in the month we had the opportunity to host a summer legislative ice cream social with our fellow members in Snyder County. The Spangler family was generous enough to offer their picnic grove for the event. In attendance that night was Linda Schlegel Culver, Representative Stephanie Borowitz and our main guest, Congressman Glenn GT Thompson! We got to hear about the farm bill and the process involved in writing it. We also got a chance to hear about what is going on in both the House and Senate in Pennsylvania and we were able to ask questions at the end of the evening. It is always great to get a chance to speak with our representatives and interact with them outside of the office.

By now you should have received your invites to the county annual meeting. I hope you are able to come out and mingle with fellow Farm Bureau members. It's also that time of year for us to submit policy to the State and National Farm Bureau to be considered for adoption. I hope you all are able to make it out for the meeting so be sure to get those RSVP's in. If any of you have policy to submit, we would appreciate it if you could have that to us beforehand. To submit a policy, reach out to Jason Wolfe (570-713-0224) or any of the county board members.

As we progress through fall, I wish you all a safe plentiful harvest! I know I look forward to getting harvest started. It's always one of my favorite times of the year, to see how all the hard work you've put into the crop come full circle. In closing, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous harvest.

Matthew Ulrich



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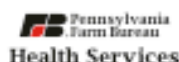


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UNION COUNTY FARM BUREAU --- ANNUAL MEETING ---

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH AT 7PM
UNION COUNTY WEST END FAIRGROUNDS
1111 PA-235, LAURELTON, PA 17835

COST: \$10

MEAL INCLUDES: Baked Ham & Roast Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Stuffing/Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert & Beverage

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Pennsylvania Farm Bureau State Legislative Update From State and Local Affairs Specialist Mitchell Kurek

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Applauds Agriculture's Inclusion in 2024-25 State Budget

On July 11, Governor Shapiro signed the 2024 budget, totaling \$47.6 billion. There were substantial investments in agriculture, with the Department of Agriculture's budget growing nearly 10 percent to \$228 million. Overall, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau was supportive of this year's budget and feels there were plenty of victories for the agricultural community.

For more information, read PFB's press release on the 2024-2025 budget: <https://pfb.com/pennsylvania-farm-bureau-applauds-agricultures-inclusion-in-2024-25-state-budget-several-pfb-priorities-signed-into-law/>

Link to legislative update zoom recording - <https://vimeo.com/990759769?share=copy>

Highlights

- **\$10 million** for the Agricultural Innovation Grant program, aimed at supporting new technologies and attracting agricultural businesses to maintain Pennsylvania's leadership in the industry.
- **\$31 million** to assist poultry farmers affected by the avian influenza crisis, covering testing costs and compensating for flock losses.
- More than **\$33 million** in combined funding for Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine (Penn Vet) and Penn Medicine's Division of Infectious Disease in 2024-25.
- **\$58 million** for Penn State Ag Research and Extension.

Additionally, there was a significant **\$50 million** investment in the Clean Streams Fund to enhance water quality initiatives, including:



- **\$35.75 million** (71.5 percent) for the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP)
- **\$6 million** for the Clean Water Procurement Program
- **\$5 million** for the Nutrient Management Fund
- **\$2 million** for Stormwater grants and reimbursements
- **\$1 million** to the Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Fund
- **\$250,000** to the Keystone Tree Restricted Account

Penn Vet and Penn State Funding

Penn Vet and Penn State received funding in this year's budget, but there was no increase for Penn State to account for inflation, and Penn Vet did not receive funding last year. As a result, both institutions may face hard financial decisions in the future. Funding for Penn Vet is crucial for agriculture, as it is the only state-funded veterinary school in Pennsylvania. Similarly, Penn State's lack of increased funding to match inflation may impact their operations and support for agricultural programs.

These investments demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting Pennsylvania's agricultural industry and ensuring its continued growth and sustainability. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau looks forward to working with state leaders to build on these achievements and further support our farmers and rural communities.

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PA House of Representatives

Two notable bills received strong bipartisan support and were passed in the House, which we supported. They will now proceed to the Senate for the next phase of the legislative process.

HB 2357: Pennsylvania Food Bucks Program

- Establishes the Pennsylvania Food Bucks Program to incentivize Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to purchase eligible fruits and vegetables.
- Creates a restricted account in the General Fund exclusively for this program.
- Outlines program administration, including the selection of a grantee to manage the program for a minimum of two years.
- Specifies that funding will come from appropriations, donations, and federal revenues.

HB 2420: Keystone Fresh Act

- Establishes the Keystone Fresh Program within the Department of Education (PDE) in consultation with the Department of Agriculture (PDA).
- Creates the Fresh Schools Grant Program to reimburse school food authorities for purchasing local food for school meals.
- Introduces the Keystone Producer Grant Program and the Keystone Assistance Grant Program to support local producers and assist with various agricultural initiatives.
- Sets up the Keystone Fresh Fund as a restricted revenue account for program funding from various sources.

HB 2414

Focus: This bill has been introduced in the House, and a companion bill may be introduced in the Senate. The amendment introduces a new tax credit system for beginning farmers, shifting the emphasis from rentals to sales and ownership of agricultural assets.

- Removal of “or rent”: The amendment now focuses on the sale and ownership of agricultural assets.
- Both asset owners and beginning farmers are eligible for a credit of 5% of the lesser of the sale price or fair market value, up to \$50,000 per asset or farm.
- Application: Requires specific forms from the Department of Agriculture (PDA) and proof of beginning farmer status and agricultural experience.
- Includes provisions for use, carryover, carryback, refund, and assignment of the tax credit.

