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SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

September 2022

First Annual Producer to Consumer Symposium

On Sept 14, SCFB hosted something brand new in our county: a symposium where producers of a variety of items could show what they produce and discuss what each had to overcome to be a successful business.

Special thanks to our presenters, Gerald Carlin, Michael Russell, Jim Kessler, Jim Barbour, Ed Burke and Greg Purdum. Each spoke about his unique situation with maple syrup, produce and freezer beef, Angus embryo and genetics, Christmas trees, apple orchard and a vegetable farm and store.

It was quite obvious that each not only enjoyed overcoming the hurdles in getting to where each is at present but also dealing directly with the public without the middleman.

We also were fortunate to have vendors present who are necessary connections to all of the above. Namely, excavator, concrete, fencing and financial institutions (Honesdale National and Peoples Security).

Thanks to Green Gables for providing the venue and lunch (loved those homemade cookies).

Finally a special thank you to John Benscoter who, whenever given a task such as this, leaves no stone unturned. We are grateful for all the work he has put in over the last few months in making all these worthwhile contacts and again delivering a big success.

Annual Fall Dinner Meeting
Friday October 7, 2022

Be sure to join us at the Montrose Bible Conference Lake Avenue Dining Hall for our Annual Fall Dinner Meeting. Social Time: 5:30, Buffet Dinner: 6:30.

The menu is as follows: roast beef, whipped potatoes, green beans, and cheesecake. The reservation deadline is October 1st: \$20 per person.

Please call David (853-3520), Donna (942-6348), Jim (607-435-0830) or email jim@barbourfarms.com or ddeleon.psu@gmail.com.

We will hold a Chinese Auction to benefit Ag Education. Policy Recommendations to be approved. The Susquehanna County Dairy Princess with Dairy Promotion, MSC Business Service, and Bob Melnick to discuss Ag business topics.



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Susquehanna County Farm Bureau Picnic

On Sept 1 the Belchers' Pavilion in South Gibson was once again the host location for our annual get together of county farm bureau members.

We were fortunate to have representation from both Wayne/Pike and Wyoming/ Lackawanna counties with their county presidents, past and present, and their wives joining us.

Making this evening special was a presentation from the FFA program from Wayne Highlands in Honesdale. These students and their FFA supervisor and Ag teacher, Kayla Pohle, were fresh off winning a debate, presenting a landscape arrangement and bringing home 5 Keystone FFA degrees from the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg. We were honored to witness a presentation on "Issues of Ag" that they'll present later this year on the national level.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Chris Hoffman, 2019 Pig Farmer of the Year, owner of Lazy Hog Farm in Juniata county and Vice President of PA Farm Bureau.

He spoke of our theme , " Together We Can," and how important that is in moving farm bureau forward. That's important to not only those of us directly involved in agriculture but to everyone because everyone eats. So we all need to promote our industry whether dealing with legislators or when talking to present membership and adding new ones.

Chris has decided to put his name in for the presidency of PA Farm Bureau and add his impressive credentials to that position. The SCFB Board has endorsed Chris's candidacy.

We owe a special thanks to the Belcher family for their hard work in putting the barbecue together and allowing us to use this excellent facility. And also thank you to everyone who brought delicious dishes to share.

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2022 SCFB POLICIES

1. We recommend the PA Game Commission be responsible for the cost of fencing materials for farmers growing specialty crops once deer damage has been shown. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops.
2. All legislative bills that get to committee must at least have a committee vote within the present session of the legislature.
3. The State Department of Environmental Protection to commit permanent recurring funding for stream restoration and stability programs.
4. Authorization for EMS volunteers to serve with minimum certification and training requirements while they obtain experience.
5. The development of a civics/local government curriculum to educate students about local government and increase their awareness of the structure and purpose of municipal government.
6. The PA Game Commission in an effort to increase interest in hunting, which has not only declined but is predicted to dramatically do so in the next decade to increase the Youth (12-16) hunting days, presently October 20-22 to October 17-22, Monday through Saturday.

LOCAL POLICIES

7. Continued support and interaction with our county commissioners in their work on mental health and the opioid crisis.
8. Continually supporting all the effort put forth by our county commissioners in dealing with the PA Dept of Transportation on improving our rural roads.

Additional Pictures from The Producer to Consumer Symposium

