

From the President's Desk

Dolores Krick, York County Farm Bureau President

Happy Summer, at least that is what I think it is. This morning I wore a sweatshirt out to feed, it was 55 degrees. Driving around the area, I am seeing the challenge of this year's barley and wheat harvests. A lot of it is laying down in the field this year. Corn and Beans are looking promising. We are seeing more and more local beef, pork and other farm products being purchased direct from the farmer. It's great to see the diversity in Agriculture today. I love to see the consumer come to the farm to learn what we do. **Talk to them!** We as farmers know what the truth of farming is, if we don't share with the consumers, someone else will and that information may not be truthful! Share your knowledge and love of farming!

Upcoming events are listed in this newsletter, we hope to see you at our annual meeting this year, save the Date, August 7th.

Do you have farming concerns we can help with? Let us know! My email is sjkrick@gmail.com and cell phone is 717-487-4556 feel free to reach out!

Have a great summer and may your crops be bountiful!

Dolores Krick

Annual Strawberry Social Recap

On Sunday, June 5, the Annual Strawberry Social was held with 65 in attendance consisting of York County Farm Bureau members and their families. Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill and Kristin Klunk were present as well as Representative Stan Saylor. Shaw Orchards provided strawberries to go with the yummy ice cream from Perrydell. The weather was perfect, and conversation was just as warming! This is a time for our members to get to see each other in a casual setting, and ask any questions they may have on topics going on within Farm Bureau or agriculture in general.



Annual York County Farm Bureau Banquet

The annual York County Farm Bureau Banquet will be held on Sunday, August 7 with doors opening at 12:30. A buffet lunch will be served at 1 PM followed by a brief meeting on policies. This year, there will be entertainment provided by Vince Wilson Magic & Mystery. Also, a silent auction held during the event with proceeds going toward scholarships! Our venue this year will be Wisehaven Hall, 2985 E. Prospect Rd, York, PA 17402. Cost per person is \$25 or \$10 if you have paid your 2023 membership. You can pay for your membership at the door as well. Where else can you go for dinner and entertainment for \$10 a person!?

RSVP to Deb at (717) 891-4963 or email dmack-farms@aol.com by July 24.

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Upcoming Policy Development

Each year, Farm policies are developed at the County level. Recommended policies are voted on at our County annual meeting to be submitted to the state. The state reviews each submitted policy to be sure it is not already a policy, then in November at the State annual meeting new policies are voted on by all county delegates across the state. If it passes at the state level, it is put into the policy book to be used when bills are presented by the legislature. This is how we determine what Farm Bureau will or will not support. This is how a grassroots organization works, Policies come from you, the farmers! You have a Voice, so share that with us, and we will Advocate for you!

This year we have one perspective policy that has been submitted (listed below) and will be voted on at the County annual meeting August 7th. If you have any you would like to submit, bring them to the meeting.

1. *We recommend the need for additional parks and gamelands in each county. Consider use of land preservation dollars...ag land preservation versus open space/land trustees. (submitted by Patty McCandless)*



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Strawberries (2 pt): \$4.44	Potato Salad (2.5 lbs): \$3.27

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Ag Night @ York Revolution!

York Revolution's Baseball in York, PA is hosting an Agriculture Night on Thursday, August 18, 2022 against Lancaster Barnstormers! Tickets for members are only \$10 so mark your calendars to bring your family out to see vendors, local farm families, petting zoo, tractor showcase, and enjoy a baseball game! Gates open at 5:30 PM and game begins at 6:30 PM. There will even be a mechanical bull!

Follow the link to get your tickets now:

<https://yorkrevolution.com/groups-hospitality/Group-theme-nights>



50% from all ticket sales made through ticket order forms or the online portal goes back to the York County Ag Society to be dispersed throughout York! Contact Brianna Klinger (717) 801-4495 or Bklinger@yorkrevolution.com for event questions. Tickets will be available for pickup game day at the Will Call Window.

Better Farms, Cleaner Water Field Day

Join local farmers on Thursday, July 28, 2022 from 9:30 AM—4:45 PM for a Field Day that will be a fun, free day of learning and networking. Get the latest from local experts about cover crops and no-till, how to use tech tools to improve profits, and getting the most out of your pastures. Connect with local ag agencies and business and enjoy a free lunch!

This event is hosted by the Ag Field Day Planning Committee, 4R Alliance, and the York County Planning Commission with funding from the York County Community Foundation.

This event will be held at the Izaak Walton League York Chapter #67 on 7131 Ironstone Hill Rd, Dallastown, PA 17313. Registration is free but requested for planning lunch purposes. Register at <https://forms.gle/7RGiPV9xnKYywwxE6> or email lgerner@ycpc.org or phone at 717-771-9870 ext. 1755.

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Women's Leadership Committee

The Mission Statement for Women's Leadership is to engage women by offering opportunities to develop communication and leadership skills, empowering them as strong, effective, leaders in agriculture. This division of Farm Bureau has many ways to be involved including events like Farmtastic books, Safety coloring contests, Ag Progress Days, and leadership seminars to name a few! If you are interested in joining this Committee, reach out to Julie at leogal34@msn.com

Sign up for the free quarterly newsletter to see what is going on at fb.org/programs/womens-leadership-program/

Source: PFB

Fuel Concern & Ocean Shipping Reform

Kyle Kotzmoyer, PFB State & Local Affairs Specialist is taking the lead on this issue. After discussions at the state level, it was determined that the supply of diesel is there, but terminals are hoarding it due to fears of a shortage. Therefore, suppliers are being turned away, which forces them to not accept new business. Additionally, by terminals holding back the diesel from suppliers, farmers are seeing rising costs since the price is being fabricated.

On a call with AFBF and other states' national affairs coordinators, no other states reported suppliers not having any diesel. Many others reported that supply is tight and prices are high, but PA was the first to raise concerns over suppliers not being able to get diesel from terminals. AFBF's transportation lobbyist, Andrew Walmsley, said that as long as panic-buying or another emergency does not occur, farmers "should" be okay. However, AFBF's economists are watching this issue closely for harvest season.

The Ocean Shipping Reform Act was signed into law on June 16! This was a huge victory for Farm Bureau as it has been a priority piece of legislation to combat supply chain issues. The Ocean Shipping Reform Act is supposed to reduce bottlenecks and increase the timeliness of ocean transportation. President Duvall was present at the signing ceremony where he expressed Farm Bureau's gratitude for the bipartisan efforts and efficiency in making this much needed legislation become a law. He commented that by working to solve the congestion at ports and establishing stricter standards for shipping companies, farmers have a more manageable way to get food to the table for families. The Ocean Shipping Reform Act gives the Federal Maritime Commission more investigative power to regulate ocean carrier practices. One way that the Ocean Shipping Reform Act assists supply chain problems is ocean carriers are not allowed to leave U.S. ports with empty containers now.

Who is Glenn Hope Care Farm?

Situated on 43 acres of farmland in the heart of York County, PA, **Glenn Hope Care Farm** offers on farm activities to veterans and their families, including horticulture therapy, animal husbandry, submersion in nature, hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, agricultural classes and special events.

New for this year, in partnership with the **PA department of Education** and the **VA OJT Apprenticeship** program, we are able to offer one Veteran a paid apprenticeship position. We are excited to support a veteran and his family in this way. Everything grown and produced on the farm is done so by owner and operator, USMC veteran Aimee J. Morris, her father, and volunteers. A portion of the food produced on the farm is donated to Veterans, their families, Veteran Organizations and other Veteran causes.

This third-generation, family owned, and operated farm is deeply rooted in tradition but embraces innovation as well.

As a veteran operated farm, we understand the value of community, legacy, and honoring our veterans.

Glenn Hope Care Farm, provides nutritious and flavorful food for York County and surrounding areas. Our produce, free-range eggs, poultry, pastured pork, and grass-fed beef yield consistently high-quality food for the local community. In addition to providing quality food, we also provide camaraderie for military veterans. Veterans face many challenges, but through our on -farm activities and community outreach we provide the support that is so needed.



Source: Aimee Jo Morris

If you have a York County Farm Bureau farm you'd like to see highlighted, please email Julie at leogal34@msn.com

Funding to Support PA Veteran Farmers

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding announced that Veteran's services, agricultural and other organizations may apply for funding to deliver grants to military veterans for farm and related business start-ups and expansion.

The opportunity is available through the Pennsylvania Farm Bill and the Agriculture Business Development Center. The center will fund up to three \$100,000 grants to organizations which will in turn offer grants up to \$10,000 to individual military veterans for agricultural business needs.

The subgrants to veterans can support a wide range of expenses from food safety and biosecurity planning to equipment, marketing and working capital.

According to a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture, Pennsylvania is home to more than 7,000 military veterans who identified as agricultural producers.

"Pennsylvania agriculture needs a skilled, work-ready workforce to keep feeding the world," Redding said. "Veterans return from serving our country with valuable, transferrable skills they can put to work on the farm. Like any other business, they need to finance planning, safety, permits, equipment, and other critical needs. These grants are one way we can thank our veterans for their service and feed their future success in agriculture."

The PA Farm Bill increased support for the PA Preferred Homegrown By Heroes program, which helps farmer veterans market their locally grown products to feed consumer demand.

Source: PFB

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

York State Fair

July 22-31, 2022

YCFB Monthly Meeting

July 28, 2022 6 PM

YCFB Annual Meeting

August 7, 2022

Ag Progress Days

August 9-11, 2022

Ag Night @ York Revolution

August 18, 2022

YCFB Monthly Meeting

August 25, 2022 6 PM

YCFB Monthly Meeting

September 22, 2022 6 PM

2023 Membership Drive

It's that time of year again! The annual membership drive kicks off July 1, 2022 for the 2023 year. Be on the lookout for your membership renewal in the mail. You can mail in a check or pay online to renew. Make sure to get your membership paid by December 31, 2022 to keep your benefits. You can also pay your \$100 dues at the Annual Dinner on Sunday, August 7, which will discount your admission price for dinner to \$10!

Your annual Farm Bureau dues are \$100.00 a year and cover your entire family. You have access to discounts from eye glasses, insurance, shopping, hotels, and local vendors. Being a Farm Bureau member also gives you the access to help make changes in Agriculture to better not only your farm or ranch, but your neighbors throughout the County and State. Farm Bureau members are **leading together**.

When farmers notice a problem, they want to fix it. Sometimes, the problems are too big for one farmer to fix. The members of Farm Bureau are working together to make real change to advance agriculture in Pennsylvania.

Whether it's easing regulations on high tunnels, changing a law to allow wider equipment on the roads, or making it easier to expand agritourism, we're leading the way forward together. When one member has an idea, thousands of members make it a reality. We are the united voice of Pennsylvania's largest general farm organization advocating for you!

Are You Turning 65 This Year and Going on Medicare?



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Health Services

Choosing your Medicare plan can be overwhelming. It can be hard to figure out what you want, or more important, what you need.

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- Explain and compare options
- Work within your budget
- Help with informed Medicare coverage decisions

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Women's Leadership ACE Conference

The first ACE (Advocate, Cultivate, Empower) Summit hosted by the Women's Committee was held on June 7 & 8 in Washington DC. This Summit is for a limited number of participants from each state. York County Board member Julie Yahnke-Schrum was in attendance. During these two days breakout sessions happened to educate and train on advocacy, networking among members, guest speakers, and message development and Hill visit training. We wrapped up this time by visiting our local Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill. During these meetings, we discussed Farm Bureau topics such as estate taxes, WOTUS, pesticides, Labor, Farm Policy, Infrastructure, and supply chain. Farm Bureau is working hard at having your voice be heard! York County was able to meet with Congressman Lloyd Smucker while in DC.

Pictured is Isabella Chism, AFBWLC Chair who spoke inspirational words in closing. The question she left us with is "What is your Why in Agriculture?"



Ag Progress Days August 9-11

Penn State's Ag Progress Days will be held August 9-11, 2022. This is Pennsylvania's largest outdoor agricultural exposition with over 400 exhibitors running for 46 years. In addition to exhibitors, there will be research tours, family friendly youth & 4-H activities, and plenty of food! There is no cost for parking or admission. Times for each day are as follows:

August 9 9 AM—5 PM

August 10 9 AM—7 PM

August 11 9 AM—4 PM

This is located at Russell Larson Ag Research Center, 2710 W. Pine Grove Rd, Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865. For more information go to <https://agsci.psu.edu/apd>

Farm Use Vehicle Guidelines

Farmers who own a farm vehicle may obtain either 1) a farm vehicle biennial exemption from registration ("farm sticker") or 2) a farm vehicle registration ("farm plate") for the vehicle. Each classification has different restrictions and allowances.

Liability Insurance must be maintained and the operator must have a valid driver's license.

Type A Exemption: Vehicles Eligible – Available to trucks and truck tractors with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. **Time of Operation** – May only be operated during daytime. **Authorized Use** – May only be used: On roads that adjoin a farm owned or operated by the owner of vehicle; Between farms owned or operated by the vehicle owner not more than 50 miles apart; Between one farm of the vehicle owner and a place of business not more than 50 miles away for the purpose of buying agricultural supplies or selling agricultural products; and Between one farm of the vehicle owner and a place of business not more than 50 miles away for the purpose of servicing or repairing the farm vehicle or trailer or semitrailer towed by the farm vehicle. **Biennial Fee for Exemption** – \$26.

Type B Exemption: Vehicles Eligible – Available to trucks and truck tractors with a gross vehicle weight rating of greater than 10,000 pounds and not greater than 17,000 pounds. **Time of Operation** – May only be operated during daytime. **Authorized Use** – May only be used: On roads that adjoin a farm owned or operated by the owner of vehicle; Between farms owned or operated by the vehicle owner not more than 25 miles apart; Between one farm of the vehicle owner and a place of business not more than 25 miles away for the purpose of buying agricultural supplies or selling agricultural products; and - Between one farm of the vehicle owner and a place of business not more than 50 miles away for the purpose of servicing or repairing the farm vehicle or trailer or semitrailer towed by the farm vehicle. **Biennial Fee for Exemption** – \$26.

Type C Exemption: Vehicles Eligible – Available to trucks and truck tractors not subject to periodic inspection requirement with a gross vehicle weight rating, gross combination weight rating or actual gross weight of greater than 17,000 pounds. **Time of Operation** – May only be operated during daytime. **Authorized Use** – May only be used: On roads that adjoin a farm owned or operated by the owner of vehicle; - Between farms owned or operated by

Update on WOTUS

WOTUS (waters of the US) has been the subject of controversy and multiple Supreme Court decisions over the years. The challenge is how a WOTUS is defined, and how that definition impacts the ability of farmers and landowners to use their land.

The Army & EPA recently held a roundtable discussion on June 6, 2022 organized by the Kansas Livestock Association. This roundtable is one of 10 accepted by the EPA and Army Corps. In addition to roundtables, NCBA has engaged on WOTUS by submitting technical comments on the Biden Administration's proposed phase one WOTUS rule and filing an amicus brief in the case *Sackett v. EPA*. NCBA has called for the EPA to pause WOTUS rulemaking until the case is decided.

On January 24, 2022, the Supreme Court announced they would grant cert in the high-profile CWA case, *Sackett vs. EPA*. A decision in this case could provide significant clarity on what is the proper test for determining which wetlands are "WOTUS" under the CWA (Clean Water Act). All eyes are on this case to see how it is ruled.

The Farm Bureau WOTUS page is <https://www.fb.org/issues/regulatory-reform/waters-of-the-us/>

Source: PFB

(Farm Use Cont'd)

the vehicle owner not more than 10 miles apart; - Between one farm of the vehicle owner and a place of business not more than 10 miles away for the purpose of buying agricultural supplies or selling agricultural products; and - Between one farm of the vehicle owner and a place of business not more than 25 miles away for the purpose of servicing or repairing the farm vehicle or trailer or semitrailer towed by the farm vehicle. **Biennial Fee for Exemption** – \$54.

For the additional Laws & Regulations, go to <https://members.pfb.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Feb20TransportationBooklet-web.pdf>

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