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Local News First!

Adams County Activity

Local farmers working together

Welcome New Members: Twin Springs Fruit Farm, Matthew Gebhart, Naathan Rhodes, John Zaracki, Brandon Knoess, Charles Brewbaker, Paul Royer, Luke Milhimes, Ryan Eveans, Emily Niner

PFB Annual Meeting

This year there were seven members in attendance at the PFB Annual Meeting. They were; Brock Widerman, Mark Widerman, Sally Scholle, Brian Davis Bobby Niner, Earl Stock. Suzanne Shea was there for Women's Committee.



JINGLE WITH JOBO

If you didn't get a chance to drive through the Jingle with JoBo 1st annual Holiday light show, you will have to make sure you do it next year. The Adams County Farm Bureau participated by decorating a tractor and liquid manure spreader. We were told the event was a huge success. It was a lot of fun and we hope to participate again next year.

Calendar of Events

January

- 1 – Happy 2026
- 6-8- Keystone Farm Show
- 8 – Monthly Meeting
- 10 - 17 – PA Farm Show
- 19 – Martin Luther King Day
- 27-29- Mid-Atlantic Fruit & Vegetable Convention

February

- 2 – Groundhog Day
- 5 – Monthly Meeting
- 9-14 – Winter Ag workshop-
- 14- Valentine's Day
- 17- Fastnacht Day
- 18 – Ash Wednesday
- 23-27 – In-Person Pesticide Training

March

- 2 – Region 3 Farm Bureau Days
- 2-5 – Virtual Pesticide Update
- 5 – Monthly Meeting
- 8 – Daylight Savings time
- 16-21 – Ag Literacy Week
- 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- 29 – Palm Sunday

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Farming is a profession
of hope.

Brian Brett

Spring Meeting

Hard to believe 2026 is already here. Spring is just around the corner and so is the ACFB Spring Meeting. So please mark your calendar for Thursday, March 26, 2026, starting at 6:00 in the Farmhouse Restaurant, 75 Cunningham Rd. Gettysburg, PA. 17325. Cost will be \$25.00 per person, this includes buffet and drink. Please RSVP to Deb Stock, edstock1005@gmail.com or 717-476-5921 by March 16th. Payment can be made at the door.

Renew Your Membership Now!

Reminder: July starts the new membership drive! Farm Bureau affects so many areas besides crop and livestock farmers. The policies that are passed and brought to the attention of the Pennsylvania legislators affect so many people from wineries, horse owners, to produce owners and sellers to commodity companies. If you know someone that isn't but should be a member, ask them to join, the Farm Bureau is there to help all the agricultural community. You can renew your membership by mail or online at PFB.com

There is an opening for a Board Member. If you are interested in sitting on the Board, contact President Brian Davis at 717-528-4485.

Annual Soil Quality Meeting

The Conservation District's Annual Soil Quality Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 25, 2026, from 8 am until 12:30 pm. The event will be held at the Ag Center rather than the Emergency Services Building. Since it only half a day we won't be doing lunch, well, unless you want to take me to lunch. The agenda includes a discussion on soil biology and a dive into the microscopic world in our soil. It will also include a discussion on yield maps and how they can help you make agronomic decisions and other data you can use to make sound decisions. We will also talk the latest news on bugs and slugs, how to control the ones you don't want and how to keep the ones that you do want. Lastly, we will venture outside to do a drone demonstration. Our drone dude, Dave, can demo a cover crop spreader or a pesticide sprayer. That decision will be based on input I get from all of you. Let me know in the coming weeks which you are most interested in. More details will be coming in future weeks mostly through email. So, if you don't currently get an occasional email from me, drop me a quick note at bsneeringer@adamscountypa.gov and I will include you in announcements.

Brian Sneeringer
Agricultural Conservation Technician

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!"

Dolly Parton

The greatest mistake you can make is to be continually fearing that you'll make one

Elbert Hubbard

"Many of us have been running all our lives. Practice stopping."

Thich Nhat Hanh

Kindness is one thing you can't give away. It always comes back

George Skolsky

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Nelson Mandela

Living is the art of getting used to what we didn't expect

Eleanor Wood

Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day

Sally Koch

Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Training Program

Adams County 4-H will once again offer the National Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Training Program (NSTMOP). This opportunity is targeted for youth ages 14-18 years old. However, we are accepting registration from members who are 13 years old, but they will not be able to operate any machinery. This program is open to anyone who is able to commute to and from each event listed on the accompanying brochure. We had members from York County join us last year.

With Adams County being a large agricultural community, we feel this is important work in teaching youth about hazards on the farm. Once they complete the coursework, they become certified through a paper test as well as a practical pre-operations test at Messick's of Abbottstown and an operational driving test at Bermudian Springs High School in April. Not only will youth learn about safely operating a tractor with wagon, but they will also dive deeply into topics such as: emergency plans and how to respond for various locations on the farm, manure pit safety, livestock safety, electrical hazards, airborne hazards, safety hand signs and equipment signs and safety, how to safely hook up and unhook a wagon, and PTO safety.

We've put the registration form out there to local schools, ag teachers, and Tractor Supply Company. If you know of youth who might have an interest in attending, please send them our way! This certification allows them to legally be able to drive a tractor on the road as well as participate in local and state FFA tractor driving events. Some local farms' insurance companies require this for employees under the age of 16. We hope to continue this program and appreciate your continued support of Adams County 4-H. Program starts February 18, 2026 from 7 – 9 at the Ag Center, located at 670 Old Harrisburg Rd. Gettysburg, PA. 17350 Contact Penn State Extension Office for registration. Registration deadline is February 13, 2026, or class is full.

In the face of uncertainty, there is nothing wrong with hope.

Bernie Siegel

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy."

Thomas Merton

"Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has plenty, not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

Charles Dickens

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

Helen Keller

"Three things in human life are important: The first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind."

Henry James

"The tests of life are not to break you but to make you."

Norman Vincent Peale

"May my dreams be bigger than my fears, my actions louder than my words, and



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