

A Note from the County President

Very little seems to be going right for farmers right now.

The 10% rise in corn future prices this year is dwarfed by the increases we've seen in diesel, fertilizer, and other costs. The same can be said of soybeans. Dairy farmers are still not prospering, and avian influenza continues to stress the poultry industry. Fruit farmers' profits are squeezed by a stagnant demand with over-supply, and we are entering the planting season with York County already in a D1 (moderate) drought.

While none of us can control the droughts, a lot of the other problems we have are strongly affected by government policies. If there is one lesson from the last year, it is that wars, tariffs, trade deals, energy policy and government support for agriculture science have a huge effect on our bottom line. Maybe even more than the weather.

When you support Farm Bureau, you are not supporting a political party. When Republican representation conflicts with our approved policies, we let them know about it and ask for better. If Democratic candidates want our opinion on something, we meet with them as frequently as we can. We don't endorse candidates; we endorse policies that support farmers.

We welcome your help and participation in York County Farm Bureau. Please join us June 7 at our annual Strawberry Social picnic and see how you can get involved. Together, we can make a difference!
Barron Shaw

Strawberry Social & Farm Tour

Guess what time it is?! The Annual York County Strawberry Social is quickly approaching so here is your sneak peak to save the date! This year Smyser's Farm is hosting the event with strawberries from Shaw Orchard's. Their location is 2890 South Salem Church Rd., York, PA. Plenty of parking, kids can play on the playground, and a tour of farm will be provided. This is a free family friendly event for our Farm Bureau members! Brian Smyser has a seat on the York County Farm Bureau Board so we are delighted to highlight a new location for our annual event! Smyser's is not only known for their Fall Fest &

Agritourism, but also their beef, produce, and flowers! Make sure to put this on your calendar for Sunday, June 7, 2026 from 2-4 PM.



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Legislative Day @ State Capitol

On Tuesday, March 31, 2026, five members of York County Farm Bureau headed to Harrisburg to speak with our Legislators about Ag in PA and York County. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful working relationship with an open door policy. The top five priorities we discussed and shared information on were:

- Reform to the Over-Order Premium SB 689
- Amending Title 26 to Compensate for Loss of Goodwill SB 225
- Unemployment Compensation Exemption for H-2A Growers HB1157
- Data Centers. *This was the most discussed topic upon our Legislators so they are very interested in staying ahead of this and protecting our farmlands.
- State Budget
- Wildlife Management



Amplify Conference at State College

For the second year, the P&E Committee and YAP Committee held a joint conference in State College for all members of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau to attend with special guest speakers Cody & Erika Archie from Bar 7 Ranch in Texas who are 1st generation Farmers and social media influencers. Breakout sessions and tours also were held as well as fellowship over meals. All of the conferences Farm Bureau offers are open to all members to educate, network, and inspire you to tell your story and grow as a member, person and farmer. Make sure you sign up and attend the next conference you see, you won't regret it!

Ag Literacy Week

Ag Literacy Week was held the week of March 16 and York County celebrated well! The York County Agricultural Society makes this possible for York County with their generous sponsorship of books for any school that signs up across the County. Readers include teachers, Farm Bureau members, FFA members, volunteers, and many more! This year's book was *Cows Can Moo! Can You? All About Farms with Dr. Seuss* geared toward Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

We truly appreciate the outreach the Agricultural Society provides for our York County students in conjunction with Ag Literacy Week! Their mission is Ag Education for every student from K-12 grade in York County, and this certainly met that goal! Their largest fundraiser throughout the year to support this program is the York Fair, so mark your calendar for July 24—August 1 to visit and support this Ag Outreach. The Director, Nicole Groff deserves a huge *Thank You* for all the hard work she does to make this happen! Working together we achieve great things!



Friends of Ag 33rd Golf Outing

The 33rd Annual Golf Outing fundraiser is quickly approaching on Monday, June 8, 2026



at Hershey Country Club. Registration begins at 11 AM, Putting Contest & lunch at 11:30 with Shotgun start at 12:30 PM. Individual Golfers are \$200 and Team of four is \$800 which include shotgun start, lunch, driving range, putting contest, golf cart, gift, raffle, hole contests and dinner! Registration is due by May 23. Visit pfbfriends.com/golf to register, because this golf course is something you don't want to miss out on!

Forestry Update in PA

On March 31, the USDA relocated the U.S. Forest Service headquarters from Washington, D.C. to Salt Lake City, Utah. This restructuring eliminates the agency's nine regional offices in favor of a state-based model led by 15 state directors, supported by six new operational service centers across the country. Warren, Pennsylvania is set to host the Mid-Atlantic/New England state-based regional office. This office will oversee operations for eight national forests, including Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest. As part of the national restructuring, four U.S. Forest Service research and development facilities in Pennsylvania are slated to close including those in: Irvine, Long Pond, Williamsport, and **York**. Please share any feedback you may have about this restructuring with Emily O'Brien, PFB's Government Affairs Associate, at elobrien@pfb.com.



Friends of Ag Brewfest & Alpacas!

The 2nd annual Brewfest fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 20 at Lucky Us Farm, York Springs, right across the County line in Adams County. This event is unique as you bring your blankets and chairs to sit in the yard surrounded by Llamas and Alpacas roaming while you sip on wine and beer! Live bands will be present for the afternoon adventure. There will be vendors to shop from, fun activities to participate in, and fun by all! Visit luckyusfarm.net for more information about the venue or get your ticket today by visiting <https://pfbfriends.com/foundation-brewfest>



2025 York County Scholarship Winners

Our 2025 winners of the York County Farm Bureau Scholarships were: Grace Benton attending University of Kentucky and Aubrey Dehoff attending Salisbury University! Congratulations to both young ladies on your achievements and pursuit of higher education. We know your Farm Bureau families are proud as are we!

The next application period will be opening mid June and will be due by August 1, 2026. Two applicants will be awarded \$500 each. Watch our Facebook page and email blast for the new application!



My Deals App

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Women's Leadership Committee

Hello there Farm Bureau Family! My name is Amy McChesney and I am the new Chair of the state Women's Leadership Committee. I am from Westmoreland County, county of origin of Arnold Palmer and Fred Rogers and home of Steelers Training Camp. My husband and I live on and own his family farm which has been in his family for 190 years. We are blessed to have four generations living on the farm and working together, raising beef, farm kids and farm dogs. Enough about me, let's talk about YOU!



This year is the International Year of the Woman Farmer and what better way to celebrate that than to see if we can get every county to send an Outstanding Woman in Agriculture Application in? I encourage

you to look around at the women in your community and find a couple who you consider outstanding in their contribution to Pennsylvania agriculture. Get an application for the award filled out and get it to your county meeting by June 1. Once your county selects the best, they should send it to your District WLC representative by July 1. If you don't have a District WLC representative, you may forward the county winners to your ROD for the next step. And I strongly encourage you to recognize these women at your county summer picnics or fall meetings. Gratitude is always the way forward in growth. With that, I will say thank you to every one of you for supporting Farm Bureau's mission and ask you to continue to do so. Every single contribution in time or effort or any way holds great value to us all. Thank you and have a blessed summer!

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Foreign Relations

Regarding Iran, Farm Bureau is closely tracking fertilizer prices. The Middle East tensions raise planting concerns. Read AFBF's recent [Market Intel](#) for more information. This is your trusted source to see what is happening with the markets across the globe. You can even subscribe to their weekly email for additional information. Visit <https://www.fb.org/market-intel> for the latest! There is also an article on this page discussing how US soybean acreage will surpass corn acreage this planting season.

New Members We Welcome You!

We welcome our newest members since 1/1/26! We value your membership and hope you enjoy the publications you receive, follow our social media, engage in events, and share your story with us and others!

Stacey Ankrum

Nicholas Innerst

Phyllis Campbell

Eric Mathias

James Raley, Jr.

Facebook Reels

If you follow us on Facebook (and if you don't go check it out now!) you will see that we did Reels (short videos) throughout the York Fair last year. We are also beginning a weekly reel highlighting a member and what they do on their farm, backyard, for a career, and much more! There are currently 919 followers which are not all Farm Bureau members, so our job is to educate, share our story, and maybe even increase your business by promoting you! If you would like us to highlight you one week, make sure to contact Julie at (717) 324-3410 to get that scheduled!



Help Needed at the York Fair

This year will be our third year at the York Fair. This year, we will be in a new location, right outside the livestock arena! We are looking for help to man the booth during the day/evening of the fair days. The Fair runs July 24—August 1. You will get a voucher for free parking which gives you admission into the fair. So come work the booth for 2, 4, 6, 8 hours and then go have fun walking around! If you are interested, please contact Julie at (717) 324-3410 or email us at yorkcountfarmbureapa@gmail.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ag Livestock & Emergency Response

April 13, 2026

Penn State Trustee Election

May 7, 2026

PA Primary Election

May 19, 2026

ACE Summit, AFBF Women's Leadership

June 1-3, 2026

Strawberry Social, York, PA

June 7, 2026

Friends of Ag Golf Outing, Hershey, PA

June 8, 2026

Friends of Ag Brewfest

June 20, 2026

York State Fair, York, PA

July 24-August 1, 2026

York County Annual Meeting, Red Lion, PA

August 30, 2026

PFB Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA

November 15-17, 2026

Farm Bill 2.0

On March 5, the House Agriculture Committee passed the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567) with a bipartisan 34 – 17 vote. PFB strongly supports H.R.7567, which strengthens the agricultural safety net by increasing commodity reference prices, expanding crop insurance, and providing new resources for specialty crops and dairy producers. A critical component of the bill is Section 12007, which offers a legislative fix for California's Proposition 12 by ensuring that any USDA or FDA-approved product can be sold nationwide, protecting interstate commerce while preserving states' rights within their own borders.

Additionally, the legislation streamlines conservation programs, doubles trade promotion funding, and invests in vital rural broadband.

Source: Bailey Fisher, Director, Government Affairs Division

ACE Summit, Washington DC

In celebration of the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF), the American Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Leadership program, together with a strong coalition of U.S. agrifood system stakeholders, is proud to host a landmark national gathering honoring the vital role women play in agriculture and the supply chain.

The International Year of the Woman Farmer ACE (Advocate, Cultivate, Empower) Summit will take place in **Washington, D.C. June 1–3, 2026**. This signature event—held in recognition of IYWF—will empower, equip, and connect women farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness professionals. Through skill-building sessions, high-impact networking, and advocacy-focused programming, attendees will strengthen their voices and leadership within the agricultural community. Calling all women in agriculture to join us in the nation's capital for an experience that honors your impact and fuels your leadership journey.

For more information or to register go to:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/F3274291-35C8-455D-B45B-82607867B320/summary>



Duty of Obedience. We had small group breakout sessions working together on handling tough situations as well as discussing what legacy we want to leave behind. That evening we had dinner on location with the pleasure of PDA Secretary Russell Redding attending and peaking on his legacy, his families farm legacy, and the legacy of all farmers across our great Nation. Day two we had breakfast together then brokeout for our respective State Board Meetings followed by lunch before returning home. This was a unique opportunity, joining two state boards together to learn from one another, grow, and build relationships. We are Maryland's neighbor with many similar concerns we are fighting on the same side for!

Submitted: District 8 State Board Member, Julie Schrum



America250

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

America250 invites everyone to take part in this national commemoration — through local events, shared experiences, and opportunities to reflect on the country's past and future.

But you don't have to wait until July! There are plenty of ways to get involved and plan your celebration now. Visit <https://america250.org> to see special events celebrating, how to get involved, and the history of our great nation!

MD & PA Farm Bureau Boards Together

On March 25 & 26, 2026, both the MD & PA Farm Bureau Board of Directors met for two days in Gettysburg. Day one was Board training where we had Governance Training for non-profit boards. We have three very important responsibilities as Board members: Duty to Care, Duty of Loyalty, and

Duty of Obedience. We had small group breakout sessions working together on handling tough situations as well as discussing what legacy we want to leave behind. That evening we had dinner on location with the pleasure of PDA Secretary Russell Redding attending and peaking on his legacy, his families farm legacy, and the legacy of all farmers across our great Nation. Day two we had breakfast together then brokeout for our respective State Board Meetings followed by lunch before returning home. This was a unique opportunity, joining two state boards together to learn from one another, grow, and build relationships. We are Maryland's neighbor with many similar concerns we are fighting on the same side for!



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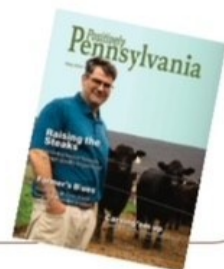


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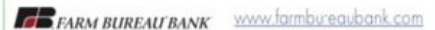


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