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SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

August 2026

Spring Tour

On April 29 we had a very successful Spring Tour with informative speakers and locations.

The Tour began at Salt Springs Park near Franklin Forks. Those that had visited the Park before as well as the first timers were all pleasantly surprised. This State Park is the only one in Pennsylvania managed and operated by a volunteer organization, “The Friends of Salt Springs State Park.” We had excellent presentations from the organization, Commissioner Alan Hall with specifics of the Bridge Improvement Grant, a DCNR representative speaking on woodlot and woodlands improvement, and finally the usual informative presentation from Jim Kessler representing Susquehanna County Forest Landowners Organization”



Second stop was at the Scott Farm. This 3rd generation farm focuses on dairy replacement heifers. Allen Scott gave an excellent presentation of the farm’s history including being in the PA Ag- Land Presentation Program.

Another focus was the 5,800 sq.ft. concrete barnyard that was installed in 2011 which is a major feature of the layout. Patti Peltz, Susquehanna County Ag-land Coordinator presented important information on specifics for those interested in Ag Land Preservation. Finally Max Little from our county’s USDA - FSA office made another informative talk on connecting and getting aid from FSA.

Last stop was at the Kim and Jim Barbour Farm. Jim made his presentation focusing on the licensing process to sell raw milk and all the inspections that come with it. Those attending had an opportunity to test out the first delicious food coming from the Barbours’ recent addition of a Food Truck. Something new always going on at the Barbour Farm. Finally the Tour ended with a presentation at the Natural Gas Compressor station from representatives in charge of the station.

Special thanks as usual go out to our SCFB Director, John Benscoter who put together another excellent, educational county tour.



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BRAG Fair 2026

On May 30th the Blue Ridge Agriculture (BRAG) and FFA program held its second annual Spring Ag Fair. With local vendors, educational exhibits and community attractions like the FFA Kissing Booth is was a tremendous success.

Once again SCFB was proud to be a part of this excellent day of fun and education. Of particular interest was the involvement of the students in Adele Bennett's FFA program. Their enthusiasm to be FFA students and to show leadership skills is wonderful to see.

Special thanks to Emma Hinkley, Lori Lewis, Mania and Dave DeLeon for handling our SCFB table. We certainly enjoyed talking to so many folks at this fun fair.



Preserving the Harvest

Susquehanna County Farm Bureau hosted Preserving the Harvest for the first time.

On July 8, we held our first water bath canning class at the Susquehanna County Public Safety Building in New Milford. Becky Smith from Penn State Extension led the session, where we learned how to make and can jelly. Our next class will be held September 9 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the same location. These are our first canning classes, and we hope to offer more for those interested in learning.

The cost is \$15 per class, and attendees may register at the door or online at extension.psu.edu/home-food-preservation-pressure-canning.





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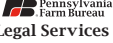

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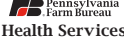


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Upcoming Events

Harford Fair August 17th through the 22nd. For anyone willing to help staff our booth please contact Aileen Shay at 570-396-6168. For any questions or comments about PFB please stop by our booth near the Grandstand.

SCFB Picnic Sept 3rd, 6pm. Belchers Pavilion (Palma Gun Club) Featured guest, Tyler Strohecker from Certified Hunter Program. BBQ chicken and Corn on the Cob. Bring a dish to share if you wish.

Preserving the Harvest Sept 9th at Public Safety Building in NewMilford from 6pm to 8. Focus on Freezing

County Annual Meeting October 2nd 5:30 Social and 6:30 Dinner County Public Safety Building Reservations through Bill Shay, 570-396-4752, Jim Barbour, 607-435-0830 or Dave DeLeon, 607-768-9893

Farm Safety Day October 3rd, 10am to 3 at the Empet Farm Sponsored by PSU Extension and SCFB Details about presenters, lunch, etc to follow

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Each summer, PA Farm Bureau holds a zoom conference for members to inform each of the issues that our Government Affairs staff will be focusing on legislatively at the local, state and federal levels. On July 22nd this meeting was conducted in detail with an opportunity to ask questions after each presentation. The following is a summation of that meeting.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Legislative Update

July 2026

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau continues to advocate for policies that strengthen family farms, support rural communities, and keep agriculture competitive across the Commonwealth. Current priorities include protecting the right to farm, reducing regulatory burdens, improving agricultural labor availability, addressing wildlife-related crop damage, investing in agricultural research and education, and expanding opportunities for the next generation of farmers.

Key Legislative Priorities

Wildlife and Crop Damage

Farmers continue to raise concerns about crop losses caused by deer and other wildlife. Wildlife management remains a leading legislative issue because damage to fields, orchards, and feed supplies can reduce farm income and increase costs for consumers.

Agricultural Labor and Workforce Development

Farm Bureau supports investments that build a stronger agricultural workforce, including education, apprenticeships, youth development, and career pathways in production agriculture, food processing, veterinary medicine, and related fields.

Energy, Technology, and Transportation

Modern farms depend on reliable energy, broadband access, practical transportation rules, and technology that improves efficiency. Legislative advocacy will continue to focus on policies that help farms adopt new tools while keeping costs manageable.

State Budget and Agriculture Funding

The 2026-27 state budget discussion includes significant attention to agriculture, including support for research, workforce programs, grants, tax credits, and farm business development. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has emphasized the importance of sustained investment in institutions and programs that help farms remain productive, resilient, and competitive.

PA Farm Bill Context

The PA Farm Bill remains an important framework for supporting agricultural business development, succession planning, conservation, processing capacity, specialty crops, youth programs, and rapid response to agricultural emergencies. These programs help remove barriers for farmers while supporting long-term growth in Pennsylvania's leading industry.

Suggested Member Action

- Contact state legislators to share local examples of wildlife damage, labor shortages, and rising production costs.
- Encourage continued funding for agricultural research, extension services, veterinary education, and workforce development.
- Highlight how state programs help farms invest in conservation, processing, technology, and farm succession.
- Invite elected officials to visit local farms so they can see firsthand how policy decisions affect agricultural operations.

Bottom line: Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's legislative work is focused on keeping agriculture strong, reducing unnecessary barriers, and ensuring that farmers have the resources needed to feed families, support rural economies, and steward the land for future generations.

PA Game Commission

The Pa Game Commission recently created the Landowner Resource office to oversee several of the agency's landowner and hunter access programs, including CHP (Certified Hunter Program), Deer Management Assistance, Agricultural Deer Control Program (Ag Tag), Hunter Access Program and related programs.

With this change Courtney Braunns will serve as the primary point of contact for CHP as its new manager. Anyone needing assistance with this program or any Landowner Resources Office program, please email PGCLRO@pa.gov or call 717-787-7314.

The PGC unanimously approved the Certified Hunter Program in April from a pilot to a permanent statewide program. The CHP mapping system is scheduled to go live any day if it hasn't already.

Any deer harvested under the CHP must have a physical tag attached before the deer can be moved from the harvest location. It must include your customer identification number (CID) and your HuntFishPA harvest confirmation number.

Remember every harvest must still be electronically reported through HuntFishPA immediately, if no cell service available you have 24 hours to do so. Then that confirmation number can be recorded on the physical tag.

And finally great news, Tyler Strohecker, Director of Landowner Resources Office will be our guest to speak and answer questions about these programs, especially Certified Hunter on September 3rd at 6pm at our SCFB Picnic. As usual the location is the Palma Gun Club or Belchers' Pavilion. Signs out of South Gibson off of Rt 92 will be clearly marked.