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SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

September 2026

Annual Farm Bureau County Picnic

On September 3rd we were once again fortunate to have a great turnout for our annual picnic. As usual it was held at the Palma Gun Club (Belchers Pavilion).

Our invited guests were all important staff of the PA Game Commission. Tyler Strohecker who put together the Certified Hunter Program and now heads the entire Land Assistance program was the lead speaker in addressing Certified Hunter (CHP) and its effectiveness in Southwest PA last year and now covering all of Pennsylvania. His informative speech made special mention of how the farmer who has had wildlife crop damage from deer can sign up to connect with hunters who have proficiently shown shooting and



knowledge of hunting rules through written and shooting accuracy tests. Both hunters and landowners who've experienced crop damage need to sign up for this program.

Courtney Braunn who previously worked for the Susquehanna County Conservation District and now heads the Certified Hunter Program also attended and added important information. We welcomed Courtney back to Susquehanna County for this short visit.

In addition Daniel Jones who is the GIS Project Manager and Geospatial Analyst doing mapping for comprehensive management plans joined the group and shared his expertise. To complete the group's visit we were also joined by Ben Johnson and Mike Shatalove, Game Wardens who cover Lackawanna and parts of Susquehanna counties.



We would also like to thank Irv and Jerry Belcher and their families for being gracious hosts each year. Barbecuing the delicious chicken and getting the sweet corn ready to serve is quite a project but a wonderful treat. And of course thank you to all our guests who brought delicious dishes to share. Even the weather held out until (and it was close) the conclusion of the picnic.

Local Discounts for Farm Bureau Members in Susquehanna County

*SCFB Members - show your membership card at these participating businesses and ask about the Farm Bureau discount.
www.pfb.com/localdiscounts*

- Andre & Son, Inc. - True Value** (Montrose) - 5% off any in-stock store items not already on clearance or promotional pricing
- Auto Plus** (Great Bend) 10% off
- Blue Stone Pizzeria** (Hallstead) 10% off all menu items
- Flynn’s Hardware/Flynn’s Stone Castle** 10% off animal feed, Lawton
- Gerard E. Shinn Construction** (Uniondale) 5% off any contracted work
- Glezen’s Power Equipment Inc.** (Hallstead) 10% off parts
- J&J Springs** (New Milford) 10% off all water delivery to homes
- JDE Salon** (Montrose) 20% off all retail products
- Liberty Carpet, Inc.** (Hallstead) 10% off in-stock & special-order flooring, 5% off hardwood
- Little Leaf Natural Products** (Montrose) 10% off everything; must show membership card
- Maloney’s Pub & Restaurant** (Hallstead) 10% off food on Sunday and Monday only
- New Milford Hardware** (New Milford) Trade Discount - up to 10% off depending on item
- Nicholson Tire Service** 5% off tires and labor, Nicholson. Available to Susquehanna and Wyoming County Farm Bureaus
- Pump N Pantry** All stores except Troy - buy one get one free hotdogs (Kunzler’s from Lancaster)
- Rhonda’s Country Heart Décor** (Montrose) 10% off everything in store
- Russell Farms** (Brackney) 5% discount
- Rustic Roost Café** free drink with meal purchase, Kingsley. Available to Susquehanna and Lackawanna Farm Bureaus
- Scarfalloto’s Hometown Market** (Montrose) 5% off total order
- Speakeasy Saloon & Resort** (Union Dale) 10% off any dinner and room rental
- Stone’s Trustworthy Hardware** (Great Bend) 10% regular priced items; some exclusions apply
- Strauss Chiropractic/Northeast Nutrition** (Kingsley) Initial consult, complete exam & x-rays for \$25 (normally \$175-250)
- Summit Workwear** (New Milford) 15% off boots and workwear
- Timberline Lawn and RV** (Montrose) 10% off in-stock or ordered parts; \$100 minimum purchase
- Wandering Trails Veterinary Care** 10% off services excluding medications, Towanda. Available to Susquehanna, Wayne, Bradford, and Wyoming Farm Bureaus

2026 SCFB Policies

- 1) We recommend any new Data Centers produce their own power source/supply generation.
- 2) an increase in fines and penalties for illegally passing agricultural equipment on public roads to \$2000 for a first offense and \$5000 for subsequent offenses within a 2 year period.
- 3) limiting the maximum individual contribution to a state political candidate to \$3500.
- 4) PFB State Board members not be County Presidents
- 5) Cyber/ Charter schools whose students underperform in comparison to public schools in standardized testing shall lose funding from their individual school district
- 6) the PGC maintain its deputy warden program and provide additional relevant education and training to each.
- 7) increased funding through the Farm Bill and Dept of Agriculture to increase the number of FFA chapters and expand their existing programs.
- 8) all ballots cast in PFB elections shall be retained for a minimum of one year following the election. They shall not be stored or marked in a manner that permits an individual voter’s ballot to be identified by name.

2026 Harford Fair

Susquehanna County Farm Bureau was once again an important part of the Harford Fair. As usual our booth handled milk and apples which always prove to be quite a treat for folks at the Fair. It’s always amazing to hear folks mention how many years they make it a special stop to visit with those of us at the booth and in many instances inform us just how many years they’ve done so. We all had many enjoyable and informative discussions throughout the week. Special thank you to Russell Farms for donating the delicious apples. Thanks also to Patty Peltz, Cindy Frick, Valerie Senese, Emma Hinkley, Mania and David DeLeon, Caitlyn Osborn, Kacie Frishko, Julie Harvatine and family, Kim and Jim Barbour, William Shay and most of a very special thank you to Aileen Shay who not only worked many hours covering the booth but set up the staffing with all our volunteers.



STAY SAFE ON THE FARM

Susquehanna County Farm Safety Day

Reduce risks and prevent accidents on the farm. Join Penn State Extension for a free farm safety day.

The event will feature demonstrations and educational activities that teach safe practices for working with chemicals, farm equipment, and livestock, as well as proper administration of first aid and more. Lion Mobile will provide free health screenings. This is an all-ages event, including families with youth who work on farms.

Registration is recommended for this free event.

This event is offered in partnership with Susquehanna County Farm Bureau.

TOPICS:

- + Chainsaw safety
- + Safe handling recommendations for pesticides and farm chemicals
- + ATV/UTV safety
- + Farm biosecurity
- + Skid steer safety
- + Emergency response training
- + Tick safety

PENN STATE EXTENSION FARM SAFETY DAY

Saturday, October 3
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Empet Dairy Farm
664 Tingley St.
Kingsley, PA

Register Today!
extension.psu.edu/farm-safety-day
or 877-345-0691



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Having the safety talk with your kids isn't just important—it's essential.

In 2023, 19% of deaths in off-highway vehicle (OHV) accidents were children under 16, with only 2% wearing helmets! The **Let's Champion Rider Safety** campaign, provides tips and resources for effective safety discussions and protection for young riders.



Learn more at
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safety tips for your
young riders.

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Thank you for attending the 2026 Annual Picnic!



Ronald McDonald House

On August 25, the Susquehanna and Wayne County Farm Bureaus gathered at the Ronald McDonald House in Scranton to prepare meals for families staying there, as well as for the family rooms at Geisinger Wyoming Valley and CMC. We cooked two turkeys that were donated by Tim Jagger along with the vegetables and used them to make two dishes: turkey and rice soup and turkey noodle casserole. While the turkeys baked, we also prepared a fresh cucumber and tomato salad, fresh-baked rolls, a chocolate cake with cream cheese frosting, and another cake with maple syrup frosting.



We completed around 36 meals that was packaged individually so some could be served right away and the rest frozen for future use. We enjoyed the experience and look forward to doing it again in the fall.



Susquehanna County Farm Bureau

Annual Dinner

October 2, 2026

Susquehanna County Public Safety

Building 210 Public Way

New Milford, PA 18834

Gibson exit 219 off Interstate 81

Social Hour starts at 5:30

Dinner will start at 6:30

Dinner will be catered by **Darrow Catering**

Cost is \$30/per person

Basket Raffles

RSVP by September 24, 2026

David DeLeon 607 768 9893

William Shay 570 396 4752

Jim Barbour 607 435 0830

All are welcome