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Adams County Activity

Local farmers working together

Welcome New Members: Kristian Hermansen, Kelly Thomas, Fred Ebersole Estate, Susan Shannon, Twin Springs Fruit Farm, Tiffany Grove, Kurt Taylor, Brad Woerner, Steve Hobbs, and Amanda Hollabaugh

Membership Renewal

It is that time to renew your Farm Bureau membership and encourage your friends to join. Whether you are a farmer, land owner, or business that deals with agriculture, your Farm Bureau membership gives you a loud voice when you think no one is listening. It doesn't matter if you have a local, state, or federal issue that relates to farming, Farm Bureau is there to help by banding together to form policies. These policies reach the elective bodies of the government to possibly become law. Your voice does matter!

The Adams County Farm Bureau has filled its 2 remaining positions with the addition of Amy Welker and Margaret Barra. Amy grew up on a hay and dairy heifer operation outside Biglerville, Adams County, PA. She was also a member of 4H in Adams County when she was younger. Amy received a Bachelor of Science in Agri Business from Delaware Valley University in 1995. Since graduating college, she has worked in various areas of agriculture spending most of her career working in the environmental field and assisting farmers in the nutrient management and conservation area. She spent twenty years working with local conservation districts as the nutrient management specialist, the local feed coop as the nutrient management specialist, and then had her own nutrient management consulting firm for several years. She has spent time working with equipment manufacturing spending time with New Holland and GVM. Amy will be finishing her Master of

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Calendar of Events

January

1- Happy 2021

7- Virtual board meeting

20- Martin Luther King Day

February

2- Groundhog Day

4- Board Meeting

14- Valentine's Day

15- President's Day

17- Ash Wednesday

March

4- Board Meeting

14- Daylight savings time begins

17- St. Patrick's Day

20- Spring begins

28- Palm Sunday

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Science in sustainable agriculture from Murray State University in May 2021.

Amy and her fiancé Josh Crider own Firefly Hollow Farm, located outside Biglerville, PA. Here they grow produce, raise steers, have a small herd of meat goats, have a roadside stand, and are in the process of building a greenhouse and nursery on site. When she is not working on the farm, Amy enjoys spending time with her 2 hound dogs and horseback riding.

Marge grew up in Brooklyn, NY and always wanted to live on a farm. When she married and moved to Maryland, she had her opportunity to buy land and plant her first garden. She has raised sheep, horses, and even llamas. She and her husband owned and operated a management business and now her farm is mostly in forestry. Marge has been involved in all types of organizations and has sat on numerous boards in her life and feels she has more to give to the agricultural community.

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the Adams County Farm Bureau Board has not been able to meet at the Ag Center. Because of this, they have been meeting at various members homes to conduct business. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact secretary Deb Stock at edstock1005@gmail.com and she will send you an invite to the next meeting and where it will be attended.

Looking for a few good policies

One of Farm Bureau's main activities is policy development. Members who have ag-related issues on their own farms or in their communities present ideas for policy development.

While policies are not laws, they're supported by either our state Farm Bureau in Harrisburg or at the national level by American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, D.C.

Policies address topics ranging from wetland management and right-of-way management to wild game management and animal health. Please think of any issues that might be addressed by a Farm Bureau policy, contact Sally Scholle @ 717-359-9472

This year's safety contest theme is "Lightening Can Strike More than Once" The coloring page is for children ages 4-6 and **not** limited to children or grandchildren of Farm Bureau members. Download available at: www.pfb.com/safetycontests.

For ages 7-12, there is a 3-D contest, and for ages 13-18 a video contest. Check the website above for details. Deadline is May 14, 2021. Mail entries to Debra Stock, 359 Brickcrafter Rd, New Oxford, PA. 17350

Farmtastic Book – The Farmtastic book this year is titled "What's In Your Garden" This is an elementary age book which talks about vegetables to grow and has recipes. It is available now to purchase for \$10.00. Contact Suzanne Shea at oldswordfarm@gmail.com or 717-338-1696.
Conservation District's 2021 Tree Seedling Sale

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Brian Brett

The Conservation District is planning on holding its 2021 Tree Seedling Sale. The pickup date is Thursday April 8, 2021 from 10AM to 6 PM at the pole building behind the Ag Center on 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. Due to COVID-19, there is a new pickup procedure which is explained in the brochure. Names of those who placed a pre-order will be entered in a drawing to win a pack of 5 tree shelters and stakes or one free rain barrel. The District is selling hardwoods, but ONLY in bundles of 25 of the same species. We apologize, but we need to minimize close contact time for staff. Evergreen species will be the bundles of 10 transplants, as done for the last 2 years. We suggest that you talk with your neighbors, friends, family, and combine your 25 hardwood/bundle orders. Hardwoods are: Pawpaw, American hazelnut, American planetree/sycamore, Redosier dogwood, and Winterberry holly. Evergreen bundles of 10 transplants are: Eastern white pine, Arborvitae (Nigra), and Norway spruce. Also available are the 5-foot Miracle tube tree shelters/oak stakes, bluebird and bat boxes, and rain barrels. These may also be purchased throughout the year at the District, when we re-open. Prices are remaining the same as the last few years. Interested in ordering, or have questions? Please contact the ACCD at 717-334-0636, email shull@adamscounty.us, or visit our website at www.adamscounty.us in Events and Meetings and print out an order form/brochure. The Conservation District apologizes for the necessary changes this year. We need to finalize our numbers with the nurseries by March 1, 2021, so this means that we must receive your order along with your check payment by March 1, or before. We are not equipped to accept credit cards. Thank you.

From the State

Agritourism, COVID-19 Immunity, Vetoed

Gov. Tom Wolf vetoed sweeping COVID-19 immunity legislation that contained language that would have provided civil immunity exemptions to agritourism businesses.

House Bill 1348, drafted to provide limited immunity relief to farmers that host public events and activities on their farms, was amended into a larger civil immunity bill in the final days of the General Assembly's two-year session. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is disappointed with Gov. Wolf's decision and will seek to address agritourism liability reform again this legislative session. The governor's veto memo expressed objections to the COVID-19-related provisions but did not mention any qualms with the legal protections for agritourism.

House Bill 1348 was approved by the full House 120-81 before it was amended into HB 1737 while in the Senate. HB 1348 had bipartisan support as it moved through the legislative process. However, the bill became more controversial when it was amended into a larger bill aimed at COVID-19 immunity.

House Bill 1348 would have provided farmers limited civil immunity from accidents that occurred beyond their ability to control, such as trip and fall accidents in corn mazes. In order to receive those protections, farmers would be required to post multiple warning signs and also have visitors sign waivers, or place waivers on the back of admission tickets.

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The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.

All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work.

Calvin Coolidge

If you can't have the best of everything, make the best of everything you have.

When one door closes, another opens, but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.

Alexander Graham Bell

A man who works hard stinks only to the ones that have nothing to do but smell.

Laura Ingalls Wilder

favor of this legislation: Danilo Burgos, Frank Burns, Pam DeLissio, Bill Kortz, Bridget Kosierowski, Danielle Otten, Eddie Day Pashinski, Adam Ravenstahl, Harry Readshaw, Christina Sappey, Pam Snyder, Wendy Ullman, Joe Webster, Dan Williams and Rosita Youngblood.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau wants to especially thank Representative Barb Gleim, who introduced HB 1348, and lead the charge to get this legislation passed. In addition, Representatives Mark Keller, Marty Causer and Kerry Benninghoff worked to make sure the bill was voted on in the House before the legislative session ended. Farm Bureau also thanks Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman for working to get agritourism legislation added into the larger immunity legislation that was eventually sent to the Governor. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau will work with lawmakers to reintroduce agritourism legislation in the coming months.

Broadband Expansion Bills Become Law

Two bills that will help expand broadband access in rural Pennsylvania—one of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's chief legislative priorities—are now law. Gov. Tom Wolf recently signed Senate Bill 835, following its passage by the General Assembly.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. Wayne Langerholc of Cambria County, creates a special account for grants to develop broadband service in underserved areas. The grants, which will be overseen by the Commonwealth Financing Authority, will be funded by shifting an existing \$5 million tax credit.

A month earlier, the governor signed House Bill 2438, sponsored by Rep. Clint Owlett of Tioga County, after the measure cleared the General Assembly.

That bill makes it easier for rural cooperatives to offer broadband service by allowing them to use their existing utility easements to install fiber-optic lines without having to renegotiate agreements. Cooperatives would still have to renegotiate if the installation of broadband service results in the need for new infrastructure, such as new poles.

Expanding broadband access is among Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's chief legislative priorities. While high-speed internet is becoming more and more essential to agriculture, business and daily life—a reality underscored by the COVID-19 pandemic—many rural communities lack adequate access.

MAV Width Bill Signed Into Law

A Farm Bureau-supported bill that would change the state's vehicle code regarding the width of multipurpose agricultural vehicles (MAVs), commonly known as ATVs or side-by-sides, has become law.

Gov. Tom Wolf recently signed Senate Bill 995, sponsored by Sen. Dan Laughlin of Erie County, following its passage by the state House. The state Senate passed the bill earlier this year.

Currently, the state vehicle code requires that MAVs be no wider than 62 inches; however, newer models of side-by-sides are often up to 66 inches wide. Senate Bill 995, changes the vehicle code definition of an MAV to include vehicles up to 66 inches wide.

Farmers are allowed to operate MAVs in a limited capacity on roadways as part of their farming operations. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau wanted to make sure that farmers who had newer models of MAVs would still be able to legally move those vehicles on the road.

Adopted State Budget is Good News for Agriculture

In the final days of their legislative session, the Pennsylvania General

**Man is made or
unmade by himself; in
the armory of thought
he forges the weapons
by which he destroys
himself. He also
fashions the tools
with which he builds
for himself heavenly
mansions of joy and
strength and peace**
James Allen

**I find that the great
thing in this world is
not so much where we
stand as in what
direction we are
moving.**
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

**The probability of
someone watching
you is proportional to
the stupidity of your
actions.**

**The beginning is the
most important part
of any work.**

Assembly adopted a budget that will fund the state through June 30, 2021. The spending plan does not call for any broad-based tax increases and instead relies on federal stimulus dollars and transfers from special accounts to fund operations. Nearly all of agriculture's priority line items will receive flat funding through the rest of the fiscal year. The Department of Agriculture will receive roughly \$600,000 less in spending than the previous fiscal year, and the department's disaster preparedness line will receive a \$1 million cut. In addition, the state is setting aside grant money to aid county and community fairs that had to cancel due to COVID-19. Those fairs will be able to apply for reimbursements for money they typically would have received for hosting agriculture-specific events and contests. Work on the state's 2021-2022 budget will start in February when Gov. Tom Wolf unveils his next spending plan.

EPA Approves New Dicamba Registrations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved new five-year registrations for two products containing the herbicide dicamba and extended the registration of a third.

The move comes after EPA went back to the drawing board following a federal court ruling in June that vacated the registrations of three dicamba products and disrupted farmers' plans in the middle of the planting and growing season.

EPA's recent action approves new five-year registrations of two of the products affected by the court ruling— XtendiMax with VaporGrip Technology and Engenia Herbicide—for over-the-top use on dicamba-tolerant soybeans and cotton only and extended the registration of another dicamba product, Tavium Plus VaporGrip Technology, until 2025. At the same time, EPA updated its regulations related to the registrations in an effort to address the federal court's concerns related to off-site movement of the herbicide and potential effects on endangered or threatened species.

New requirements for the dicamba products include:

- Requiring an approved pH-buffering agent (also called a Volatility Reduction Agent) to be tank mixed with the products prior to application.
- Requiring a downwind buffer of 240 feet and 310 feet in areas where listed species are located.
- Prohibiting OTT application of dicamba on soybeans after June 30 and cotton after July 30.
- Simplifying the label and use directions so that growers can more easily determine when and how to properly apply dicamba.

EPA said it developed the new registrations after it "reviewed substantial amounts of new information and conducted assessments based on the best available science." The new requirements were developed with input from state regulators, grower groups, academic researchers, pesticide manufacturers, and others.

Plenty of Funding Available for Farm Conservation Planning

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has lots of funding still available to reimburse farmers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed for costs associated with developing conservation plans.

As of mid-October, the Agricultural Plan Reimbursement Program still had \$827,000 available to reimburse producers for the cost of hiring technical experts to develop Nutrient and Manure Management and Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control plans. Plans developed after Jan. 1, 2019 are

eligible.

More than one plan may be submitted for reimbursement, for up to a maximum of \$6,000. Plans must be submitted by May 31, 2021 to be eligible for reimbursement.

More information about the program is available at <http://bit.ly/2Nranxh>.

For additional questions, farmers in Bradford, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Elk, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties should contact Josh Glace of Larson Design Group at

jglace@larsondesigngroup.com or 570.374.5700, extension 4011.

Farmers in Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cambria, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Somerset, and York Counties should contact Jedd Moncavage of TeamAg at jeddm@teamaginc.com or 717.721.6795.

New Program to Help Agriculture Businesses Navigate Pandemic

The Penn State Small Business Development Center and partner programs at Clarion University and The University of Scranton are launching a new Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers Agriculture Center of Excellence, a joint initiative to help Pennsylvania agriculture businesses sustain operations and stabilize food supply chains in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program will offer training and assistance to help agriculture businesses manage their finances, improve their businesses and navigate the aid programs and new health and safety considerations related to the pandemic.

Learn more at <https://sbdc.psu.edu/about/pasbdc-agriculture-center-of-excellence>.

Register Now for Ag Literacy Week

The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation is looking for volunteer readers to help connect students to agriculture and where their food comes from.

Plan now to join us for the 5th Annual Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week March 15-19, 2021. Volunteers will read this year's book, "Chuck's Ice Cream Wish – Tales of a Dairy Godmother," to classrooms across the state. For 2021, we are planning for Ag Literacy Week to be held either in-person or virtually as circumstances require.

Volunteer readers are asked to make a \$10 donation for a book to be read and given to the classroom.

To get involved:

1. Contact your local school to request to read to a kindergarten through second-grade classroom.
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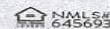



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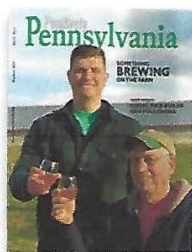


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