

# ACCENT ON AGRICULTURE

News from the **Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau (CDCFB)**  
(also serving western Philadelphia County)

Affiliated with **Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB)** and **American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF)**

August 2007

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
to the  
**CDCFB**  
**FALL BANQUET** and  
**“Meet the County  
Commissioner Candidates”**  
to be held on

**Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007**  
**6:45 p.m.**  
at the  
**East Brandywine Fire Hall**  
Guthriesville, Pa.

Cost: \$10. each

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Reservation form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation deadline: Thursday, Sept. 13

Mail reservations to:

Donald Hannum  
574 Wagontown Road, Box 81  
Wagontown, Pa. 19376



Or phone: 610-384-2249

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ROBERT YARNALL, JR:



In the next few weeks CDCFB will be holding “grassroots” policy development meetings in different locations of our county.

These Policy Development (PD) meetings allow you to have a very influential voice on issues and lobbying stances of Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau is active on the local, state, and federal levels. Local issues are addressed directly by our County Board of Directors in meetings with local township supervisors and county commissioners. State issues are focused on by the PFB’s Governmental Relations Department. National issues are handled by the AFBF.

If you have an issue or concern that is dear to your heart, Farm Bureau is an important instrument in seeing it through. No other organization allows each of its members to have such a loud voice!

I personally hope to hear from each and everyone of our members this year. Please find the dates, times and locations of our “grassroots” Policy Development meetings listed below.

Sincerely, Bob Yarnall, Jr. President, CDCFB

**Policy Development Meetings scheduled:**  
Wednesday, Aug. 29: American Canine Ass’n,  
200 Lincoln Ave., Suite 199, Phoenixville,  
from 4-5 p.m. [610-858-1154]  
Thurs., Aug. 30, Upper Oxford Township Bldg.  
1185 Limestone Road, Russelville, 7:30 p.m.



**The CDCFB Board of Directors proudly presented \$1,000. scholarship awards to each of the four students pictured above:**

L-R: **Ryan M. Crossman**, Coatesville, who will be entering Penn State to study Turf Management; **Giovanni Thomas**, Spring City, who will major in Environmental Science/Horticulture at Delaware Valley College; **Kortne Hudick**, Pottstown, going to Delaware Valley College to study Veterinary Science; and **Ryan Fairbairn**, Coatesville, studying Animal Science Biotechnology at Penn State.

## **DEBORAH ELLIS ATTENDS AITC AT PENN STATE**

CDCFB proudly awarded Deborah Ellis a scholarship to attend the Ag in the Classroom (AITC) program at Penn State University in July.

The AITC workshop, conducted by PFB, included hands-on experiments and field trips to make teachers aware of the many facets of PA agriculture.

The workshop included a demonstration of the learning opportunity available to schools through the PA Friends of Ag Foundation's Mobile Ag Education Science Labs.

Teachers were also provided with an abundance of resource materials for use in their classrooms.

## **CDCFB UNDERWRITES 4-H DAIRY ROUND-UP**

The Chester County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale was held on Aug. 6-11 at the Romano 4-H Center in Honey Brook.

The CDCFB Board of Directors have once again underwritten the Chester County 4-H Dairy Round-Up with a donation of \$1,600.

CDCFB also supported the Livestock Division of 4-H with a \$400 contribution. Two of the 4-H project animals were also purchased by CDCFB at the 4-H Auction on August 8.

The Chester Co. 4-H program is the youth development program of Penn State Cooperative Extension. Participants include youth from urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods. The four H's stand for head, heart, hands and health.

The 4-H program helps the youth develop critical life skills, fosters citizenship, and promotes leadership.

The Board of Directors of CDCFB, on behalf of their members, is proud to be supporters of this very worthwhile program.

### **2008 NEW MEMBERS**

CDCFB is proud to present the following new regular members for 2008:

- Brian Campbell**, Cochranville
- Jennifer & David Carl**, Cochranville
- Anthony Mangus**, Oxford
- Michael McNabb**, Downingtown
- Christine & David Niboaur**, Lincoln Univ.
- Ronald Weaver**, Reinholds

## **GET WHAT YOU DESERVE!**

You deserve a break on your insurance. Take advantage of the discounts you're eligible to receive as a Farm Bureau member.

Nationwide offers insurance discounts on farm, auto, motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles and boats. Contact a Nationwide agent listed on back page of this newsletter.

## DRESSAGE AT DEVON

The Dressage at Devon performance show is one of the most popular shows of its kind, including the breed show during the first three days of the Sept. 25-30 event.

The breed show is one of the largest and most prestigious sport horse shows outside of Europe.

Horses that have competed in the breed show have gone on to the Olympic Games, the World Cup Finals and even the World Championships.



## ATTENTION: VETERINARIANS, DOG BREEDERS AND KENNEL OPERATORS

Farm Bureau is now able to offer group health insurance plans to veterinarians, and statewide to dog breeders and boarders, including kennel operators. [For a price quote or more information on health plans available, call 1-800-522-2375.]



## MUSHROOMS CAN HELP PREVENT BREAST CANCER

White button mushrooms can help prevent breast cancer by suppressing estrogen production in the body, according to a study led by researchers at City of Hope.

The preventive effect of white mushrooms is most significant on post-menopausal women, as described in the Dec.15 issue of *Cancer Research*.

“The idea of exploring foods for cancer prevention is very important, because prevention is much better than treating a disease,” said Shiuan Chen, Ph.D., City of Hope. “Eating 100 grams [about 3.5 ounces] or even less of mushrooms per day could have an effect on preventing new breast cancers,” he added.

*“Opportunities always look bigger going than coming”*

## BE AN “EARLY BIRD” WINNER

Renew your CDCFB membership for 2008 before or at the Annual Fall Meeting on Sept. 20 and you will be entered into an “Early Bird” Drawing, which will take place at the dinner.

**You must be present to win.** One member will receive a \$50 prize.

Your 2008 renewal notices will be mailed in September. Thank you for your support.

## 4,225 MEMBERS STRONG

**Yes, you can believe your eyes! Chester and Delaware County memberships total 4,225.** That is awesome! There is great strength with such a large membership! [Pennsylvania Farm Bureau membership totaled 42,659 for 2007].

Thanks to you, the dedicated members, who renewed your membership; and to the membership workers who assisted in reaching this lofty goal.

PFB gave special recognition to our President **Robert Yarnall, Jr.**, who signed up 111 new members in the past 12 years; **Howard Robinson** who signed up 29 members in six years; and to **Donald Hannum** who signed up five new members in 2007. Congratulations!

## RESTORING TRUCK EXEMPTION

Farm Bureau is seeking co-sponsors for legislation introduced in Congress to restore truck exemptions from federal motor carrier vehicle regulations.

H.R.#3098 would restore Congressional intent not to subject short-haul farm trucks to regulations designed for cross-country commercial haulers.

The bill updates the definition of commercial motor vehicle to exempt farm trucks weighing less than 26,001 pounds that cross state lines.

The bill would also prohibit the U.S. Transportation Dept. from withholding federal appropriations from states in order to force them to impose federal commercial trucker requirements on farmers when they operate solely within state lines.



## DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . that **Amanda Mackereth** was crowned **Chester County Dairy Princess**? Rounding out the court are Kelly King, Alternate Dairy Princess, and Dairy Ambassadors Julia Mills and Melissa Huff.

. . . that **farmers planted more corn this year than at any time since 1944**? Farmers planted 92.9 million acres, 19% more than last year, according to USDA.

. . . that **Duane & Marilyn Hershey** are featured on the website [www.dairyfarmingtoday.com](http://www.dairyfarmingtoday.com) helping consumers understand how American dairy farmers work diligently to provide safe, nutritious milk? The Hersheys talk about their farm's history and their plans for the future.



. . . that wine sales in the U.S. increased in 2006, the 13<sup>th</sup> straight year of increases?

. . . there are 4.5 million children living in grandparent-headed households in the United States?.

. . . that **Pennsylvania is the fifth "oldest" state in median age (39.7)** – the age at which half the residents are younger and half older? Only Maine, Vermont, W.Virginia and Montana can boast of this longevity.

### LOCAL FAIR DATES:

Sept. 19-21 -Solanco (Southern Lancaster Co.),  
Quarryville  
Oct. 10-13 -Unionville Community Fair,  
Unionville

### ATTENTION, "E-MAIL" MEMBERS

Any Farm Bureau member who has an e-mail address can receive the *Farm Bureau Express* at no charge. Just contact the Member Relations Office at PFB (717-761-2740) or [www.pfb.com](http://www.pfb.com).

*Farm Bureau Express* is an Action Update from Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.



## EQUINE OBESITY

Horses too can have serious weight problems, according to a team of researchers in the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech.

Fifty-one percent of the horses evaluated during the pioneering study were determined to be overweight or obese – and may be subject to serious health problems like laminitis and hyperinsulinemia.

"Obesity, over the past decade, has become a major health concern in horses," said Dr. Scott Pleasant. "This is primarily because of its association with problems such as insulin resistance and laminitis," he added.

Other problems caused by equine obesity are heat stress, increased bone, tendon, and joint injuries, and reduced performance levels.

The study also suggests that equine obesity may result from natural grazing behavior instead of the overfeeding of grains and other feed supplements, which defies conventional thinking on equine weight matters.

[Taken from Aug. 2007 *Lancaster Farming*]



**Deanna Yarrish**, Cochranville, submitted the picture above in the CDCFB Safety Poster Contest. She won \$25 for her poster.

Congratulations, Deanna!

**MESSAGE FROM:  
PFB PRESIDENT CARL SHAFFER:**

“Of all Farm Bureau events throughout the year, county annual meetings are a bedrock occasion for our organization,” says President Shaffer. “Policy resolutions on key farm and rural issues get their start there. Friends catch up with one another and share a few stories. Brief updates are given about the work of our organization, Leadership is chosen for the next year. And the spirit of Farm Bureau is rekindled,” he added.

“County annual meetings are a great tradition in rural America. I encourage you to attend and participate. You’ll enjoy it,” Shaffer reiterated.

**ANNUAL AFBF  
MEETING  
IN NEW ORLEANS**



Make plans now to join PFB for a trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA in January, plus a five-night cruise to Mexico with Carnival Cruise Line prior to the annual meeting.

General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) will be among the featured speakers at the convention taking place Jan. 13-16, 2008.

PFB’s group tour includes airfare, the cruise, lodging, and admission to AFBF’s annual meeting. Cost of the tour package is \$1,553.60 per person, double occupancy. A \$200 deposit is due by Sept. 1 to reserve your spot on the trip. Final payment is due Dec. 1, 2007.

Call PFB’s Member Relations Division at 717-761-2740 to make your reservations.

**WE NEED YOU!**

Ladies of our membership, we need you to help us spend some productive, quality, fun-time together! You all have some very special God-given talents, let’s get together and share the good fellowship.

For more info on this,  
please call Marcia Solda at 610-935-2545.

**NOTICE TO CDCFB MEMBERS:**

**There will be a vote by the membership at the Annual Fall Banquet on Sept. 20 regarding revisions and updates that the CDCFB By-Laws Committee is proposing to be changed.**

If you would like a copy of the proposed revisions to the By-Laws, please contact Janet Robinson at [jrob@epix.net](mailto:jrob@epix.net) or 717-529-2508, or Robert Yarnall, Jr. at [caninelaws@aol.com](mailto:caninelaws@aol.com) or 610-858-1154.

**W.B. SAUL SCHOOL 4-H CLUB  
WILL REMAIN AT THE SCHOOL**

The future of one of Philadelphia’s most successful agricultural programs was in jeopardy. News of the 4-H Club’s possible demise had hit club members and their families hard.

Farm Bureau became involved contacting the school to find out the details. After various contacts with Jean Lonie, Career Coordinator and Wendy Shapiro, Principal at the school, the dilemma has been resolved.

The Manatawna 4-H Club will be allowed to continue in operation. Ms. Shapiro has some great ideas for actually expanding the size of the group to include other Philadelphia school students, as well as W.B. Saul students.

-William Zollers, Farm Bureau leader and Regional Director for Pennsylvania Dept. of Ag.



**Annual Mushroom  
Festival -- Sept. 8-9**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mushroom Festival will be held in Kennett Square on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8-9 beginning at 10 a.m.

Featured will be a Parade, Mushroom Farm Tour, Growers’ Exhibit, Cooking Demonstrations, Soup and Wine Festival, Craft Booths, FOOD, Kiddie Rides and Musical Entertainment for young and old!

For more info, call 1-888-440-9920 or visit the website at [www.mushroomfestival.org](http://www.mushroomfestival.org).

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**County Board Meetings** are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Government Services Building, West Chester. **You are welcome to attend.**

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