

Dauphin County Farm Bureau Newsletter

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You're invited to
Dauphin County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 22nd , 2018
Halifax Ambulance Building
31 Bunker Hill Road, Halifax PA 17032
6:00 PM

\$15.00- Adult
\$7.00- Children 8 years of age and up
(Children under 7 years of age are free)

Entertainment- Mary Klaus- Veteran Agriculture Journalist

Meal Includes:

Pulled Pork, Smoked Ham, Teriyaki Green Beans, Corn, Smoked Sliced Potatoes, Cranberry Salad, Dessert Bar, and Beverages.

We are looking forward to having you join us!!

Please RSVP by September 17th 2018. Call Christine Oellig at 717-769-8759 to place your reservation or email oellic1@nationwide.com.

County Farm Bureau Hosts Annual Legislative Breakfast.

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The Dauphin County Farm Bureau organization hosted their 4th Annual Legislative Breakfast this summer on August 9th at Haldeman Farms in Hummelstown PA. The breakfast featured locally raised and grown items like vegetable and meat quiche, zucchini muffins, fresh fruit salad and bacon from a locally raised hog that was purchased by the Farm Bureau to support a local 4-H family.

Legislators were invited to the event to see a "real farm" in action and to speak one-on-one with local farmers about issues live the state budget. Topics discussed included Sunday hunting, regulations for farm trucks and equipment on the road, liability protection for farm properties with agritainment, and increasing the state minimum liability requirements for auto insurance in PA.

Dauphin County was blessed to have presents from Representative Susan Helm, Representative Mike Tobash, staff members of Senator Pat Toomey, and staff members from Senator John Disanto.

Haldeman Farms is a family owned and operated farming and hauling operation in Hummelstown PA. A few of their goals include: to be good and responsible stewards of the earth, the production of safe, high quality crops, and the cultivation of an awareness amongst the public regarding foods journey from its source to their plates.

Special thanks to Marce Graybill who not only helped organize the event, but also made some of the breakfast items we all enjoyed.



Dauphin County Farm Bureau would like to thank the Haldeman family and for hosting the event and thank the legislators who attended.

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Celebrating Members Accomplishments at the Elizabethtown Fair

The 45th annual Elizabethtown Fair was held this year August 20th to August 25th. Each August the Elizabethtown Fair provides an opportunity for the showcasing of agriculture in Lancaster County and surrounding counties. Many local civic organizations and church groups use the Fair as their principal fundraiser for the year. It is also an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to promote themselves.

Many Dauphin County Farm Bureau members and families participated at the fair this year with livestock exhibits. Jonathan and Kim Coble and their children also saw a successful year with the children showing livestock exhibits like dairy beef and sheep.

Farm Bureau members Jeff and Kendra Nissley along with their children from Middletown also exhibited livestock at the fair. Daughter Abrianna finished the week with her market hog placing Grand Champion out of 133 entries.

To round out the weeks accomplishments there was a "sale of champions" held on the evening of Wednesday, August 22nd. At this sale, Farm Bureau members with businesses like the Haldeman family with Haldeman Farms, David Coble with Pioneer Seed, and the Walters family with Walters Environmental Service all supported the youth by bidding on and purchasing animals. Some buyers even donated the animals to the local food bank.

Dauphin County Farm Bureau President Jonathan Coble and Nationwide Insurance Agent Christine Oellig partnered to purchase the Grand Champion Market Hog during the sale of champions. The hog will be butchered and the meat will be served as part of our annual meeting banquet held September 22nd. Farm Bureau believes in giving back locally and feels this is a great way to support our local 4-H program and the families that participate.



Farm Bureau members the Shaw family also saw a busy week of promoting agriculture at the Elizabethtown Fair when Madi Shaw of Harrisburg was crowned the 2018 Elizabethtown Fair Queen. Madi and her family own and operate Blue Mountain Farm and Fiber Mill in Dauphin County. Madi has always been involved in 4-H both showing and breeding rabbits and even served as the 2017 PA State Rabbit Breeders Queen. I guess you can say royalty is nothing new to this busy farm girl!

Congratulations to all of the exhibitors and their families on another great year at the fair. The Elizabethtown Fair is one of 109 Pennsylvania State Fairs.



Summer Picnic Success

This year was the second year in for the Dauphin County Farm Bureau's annual summer picnic. This year's picnic was held at the Enders Grove Picnic Grove in Halifax on Sunday July 15th.

Members brought a hot or cold dish to share with the group along with pork BBQ which was generously prepared by Joann Oellig and beef brisket provided by Marshall Farms.

After morning rain showers the sun came out and the weather was perfect for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. About 50 members and their family were in attendance and we hope to expand upon that number next year. The picnic has been a long standing tradition for members to take time aside from the daily grind of the farm and to enjoy the company of fellow agriculturalist. We hope this tradition can be kept alive in the future.



Calendar of Events

County Board Meetings
September 11th , October 19th
7:00 PM, Dauphin County AG Resources Center

Gratz Fair

September 16th -22nd 2018

55th ALL-AMERICAN DAIRY SHOW

September 14th -22nd 2018

County Annual Banquet

September 22nd, 2018 , Halifax Ambulance Building

PFB Annual Meeting

November 12th -14th 2018, Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA

102nd Pennsylvania Farm Show

January 6th -13th 2018, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg

Farmer Breakfast open to Farm Bureau Members

Description: PA State Rep.'s Dave Hickernell and Mindy Fee will co-host a Farmer's Breakfast. Join us for an excellent discussion on all topics of interest to local farmers. Come with your questions!

Location: The Gathering Place (6 Pine St, Mount Joy)

Date & Time: Thursday, Sept. 27, starting at 9 a.m.

Guest Speaker: The Hon. Sam Hayes former Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, longtime state representative and legislative leader

Additional info: There is no cost to attend, but you must RSVP by Friday, Sept. 21st. RSVP by calling Rep. Fee's Manheim office at 717-664-4979 or online at RepFee.com.

Home Run for Agriculture

The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation partnered with the Harrisburg Senators to host Ag Night at the Ballpark on City Island in Harrisburg on August 9, 2018. Agriculture was featured throughout the night as fans had the opportunity to participate in engaging and educational activities, all focusing on agriculture. The Foundation, with the help of PFB's Ag Promo Committee, showcased it's new interactive game educating fans on the connection between baseball and agriculture. Our message that without agriculture, we would not have bats, gloves, balls, and ballpark food was conveyed to all. Several other organizations and PFB committees participated with games and activities promoting agriculture.

PFB President, Rick Ebert, threw out the first pitch of the game as promotional videos of all the Foundation's programs were shown throughout the stadium. There was also agriculture trivia between innings as well as an ice cream eating contest with the Foundation's very own dairy cow entertaining the contestant.



The Foundation sold over 150 tickets to the event and all proceeds from the tickets sales help to support the Foundation's ag literacy efforts.

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PFB Website Provides Answers On Transportation Questions

Farmers with questions about moving agriculture vehicles on roadways, or related questions, can visit www.pfb.com/transportation to get numerous answers on transportation issues. Copies of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's updated transportation booklet can be downloaded from this sight. Transportation laws governing the various types of agriculture equipment and vehicles are often complicated. That's why Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has put together a comprehensive document to give farmers the resources they need when faced with questions about agriculture transportation.

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Important Voting Information for County Bi-Laws Amendment

The Dauphin County Farm Bureau has proposed an amendment to our County Bi-Laws that will change the number of board members from 12 members to 9 members. This amendment to our bi-laws will be voted on at our Annual Meeting on September 22nd by all regular members in attendance. This amendment will need a 2/3 vote to pass and become an official bi-laws change. Any questions or discussion on this amendment can be addressed at the Annual Meeting.

USDA to Purchase Fluid Milk

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced a plan to purchase fluid milk to distribute through the Emergency Food Assistance Program. The agency will buy whole, 1 percent, 2 percent and skim milk to "to encourage the continued domestic consumption of these products by diverting them from the normal channels of trade and commerce." USDA will soon accept solicitations for the milk purchase through an online process. To sell to USDA, you must be an Agricultural Marketing Service qualified vendor. Learn more about that the program and the bid process [HERE \(https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food\)](https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food) or contact Andrea Lang at 202.720.4237 or Andrea.Lang@ams.usda.gov. USDA is also working out the details of purchasing dairy products through a separate program as part of a \$12 billion aid package designed to help farmers affected ongoing trade wars with several of the United States' major trade partners.

Farm Link to Host Beginning Farmer Workshop

New or beginning farmers have a chance to learn what it takes to be successful in agriculture at an upcoming workshop hosted by PA Farm Link. The Sept. 14 session will cover topics such as farm leasing and proper leasing documents, insurance needs, accounting and recordkeeping tools, business planning and loan programs. There will also be a panel discussion session with experienced farmers and networking opportunities. The workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road. Registration is required by Sept. 10 and costs \$15, which includes lunch and important materials. For more information or to register, visit www.pafarmlink.org or contact PA Farm Link at 717.705.2121

Free Legal Services for Farmers Available Through Penn State Law

Penn State Law is offering farmers the opportunity to obtain free legal services through its Rural Economic Development Clinic. The program gives law students a chance to gain practical legal experience working with clients under the supervision of faculty and licensed attorneys. Through the clinic, student attorneys can work with clients to review or prepare legal documents, conduct research and provide advice. Student attorneys have helped clients with topics such as renting farmland and facilities, CSA membership agreements, farmers market rules, liability waivers and purchasing or establishing a business. Student attorneys cannot represent clients in litigation matters through the program. Applications are now being accepted for work to be done during the fall 2018 semester. Clients will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis and should be able to travel to State College for client meetings. To apply or learn more, email Ross Pifer with a detailed explanation and background of the legal issue to be addressed at rpifer@psu.edu or call 814.865.3723.

Farm Bureau Promotes Free Trade at Ag Progress Days

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and other agricultural groups emphasized the importance of free trade to agriculture during a news conference at Ag Progress Days last week. Several speakers talked about how farmers, businesses and the state's economy are being adversely affected by escalating trade tensions between the United States and some of its trading partners. "With tight profit margins in farming, exports can make the difference between whether a farm business is profitable or not," said PFB President Rick Ebert, who led the discussion. "Our successful trade story is at risk as American farmers appear to be caught in the crossfire of retaliatory tariffs. We are concerned that a prolonged dispute could lead to lost markets, excess inventories and reduced earnings for farm families." PFB partnered with national advocacy group Farmers for Free Trade, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding and equipment manufacturer New Holland Agriculture on the event. Several PFB members spoke in addition to Ebert, including PFB Vice President Chris Hoffman, who discussed how tariffs have affected pork producers, and Berks County farmer Paul Hartman, who gave the dairy producer perspective.

Local Business Connection:
Interstate All Battery Center
94 Orchard Road, Hummelstown PA 17036

Hummelstown PA has been home to Interstate All Battery and their friendly staff for years. This family owned business has been a long time community supporter and has taken pride in doing their part to empower the local community.

Keeping your family and your business powered up, connected and ready for work, play or even the unexpected as your Preparedness HQ. You name it, they power it-from commercial batteries and business accounts to batteries for household devices and beyond. . The business was founded by Carl and his brother Herman Reinhold and is still owned by the family today. Carl was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and believed in treating people fair and giving back to his community.

With solutions designed to meet the power needs of tractors, plows, combines, sprayers, balers and more, Interstate's line of farm and agriculture batteries are designed to work hard, withstand extreme weather and preform day after day. At Interstate, they are always looking for ways to continually improve their service and products so they can meet the ever changing needs of the agriculture community.

Dauphin County Farm Bureau member Randy Oellig grew up on the family farm in Grantville PA and is the Warehouse Manager for Interstate Batteries at the Hummelstown location. He is no stranger to the needs of our farm community and is always willing to help.

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Another familiar face at this location is John Vigilante. John is the Manager of the Hummelstown location and has worked for Interstate over 31 years. When it comes to knowledge and experience, you can't beat the team at Interstate All Battery Center in Hummelstown.

This year they have partnered with Farm Bureau to offer all members a 10% discount at their location off Orchard Road in Hummelstown. When you go into the store you must take your Farm Bureau membership card with and present it at the time of purchase to receive the discount. Please feel free to inquire about the discount while shopping at their beautiful location. We encourage members to visit their location and thank them for their generous partnership and support of Farm Bureau.

Phone Number: (717) 566-0927

Location Address: 94 Orchard Road, Hummelstown PA

Hours: Sunday: Closed
Monday: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Tuesday: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Wednesday: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Thursday: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
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