



# Accent on Agriculture

## Chester/Delaware County Farm Bureau

(also serving western Philadelphia County)

Affiliated with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation

August/September 2018

Make your Reservations to attend the  
**Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau  
Annual Fall Banquet  
and  
"Meet the Candidates" Night**  
Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018  
at 6 p.m., at the  
**Chester County Intermediate Unit Center**  
455 Boot Road, Downingtown

**Cost: \$20.**

Menu includes beef, chicken, vegetable,  
mushrooms, salad, desserts and beverages  
(The CCIU culinary students prepare the meal)

Members will be voting on Director positions and  
Policy Resolutions that affect agriculture.

For reservations, contact: Julie Brady  
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[chestercountyfarmbureau@gmail.com](mailto:chestercountyfarmbureau@gmail.com)  
Reservations deadline: Sept. 27th

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
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### CDCFB Board Would Like to Hear From YOU

CDCFB Board of Directors is having Policy Development (PD) meetings at three locations this year. You are most welcome to attend.

If you have ideas or issues regarding agriculture, plan to attend one of the following PD meetings:

Policy Development Meetings will be held on:

- Thursday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m., at the Upper Oxford Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Oxford.
- Thursday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. at the Romano 4-H Center, 1841 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook
- Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m., at Lanefield Farm, Unionville  
For questions/details, contact: 610-932-7363 or email [ChesterCountyFarmBureau@gmail.com](mailto:ChesterCountyFarmBureau@gmail.com).



### Message from CDCFB President Daniel Miller

I hope you are having a good summer and that you take some time for vacation with your family. Our part of the county has experienced a very wet spring, extremely dry weather and now again, extremely wet weather.

As I drive around the county, the corn varies very much in height and population so I expect other crops are stressed as well. There have been few years that have been as tough as this one to get crops into the ground and then be so dry in some parts of the county. Now flooding is a problem—especially for produce farms. I hope that you have been able to cope with the variable weather.

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the CDCFB picnic a few weeks ago. Six of our nine scholarship recipients for 2018 were present to receive their awards and be recognized for their accomplishments (see photo below).



Scholarship award winners (front row, L-R): Abraham Yoder, Kayla Parham, Vincent Gatti, Sarah Buckley, Anna Reyburn, and Serena Valvardi. CDCFB Directors (back row, L-R): Harold Hallman, Donald Hannum, Charles Graydus, Dan Miller, Deb Ellis, Melissa Harrop and Howard Reyburn.

Each scholarship winner told us which school they were attending and what field of study they plan to pursue. It was great to see the variety of agricultural careers they were interested in.

Larry Roney and Friends provided wonderful musical entertainment, and a demonstration of proper use of fire extinguishers was given by Jim Myers of Fire Protection Services.

We owe a special thank you to the Cochranville Fire Company, Honey Brook Fire Company #1, and PSU Extension for a demonstration of the KC grain bin rescue system that is part of the special equipment on Rescue 27.

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**You are invited to the  
Ladies (and Men's) Day Out "  
on Friday, Sept. 21st**

Agenda for the day:

- ♦ 9:45 a.m., meet at Russellville Grange (lower level), 245 Old Limestone Road, Oxford, 19363 for coffee and donuts. Possibly carpool from here.
- ♦ 10:15 a.m, leave the Grange heading to Conowingo Dam, 2569 Shures Landing Road, Darlington, MD, 21034 (from Grange - 21 miles & 27 minutes).
- ♦ 11 a.m.: Guided tour of the Conowingo Dam.
- ♦ After tour, head back to Oxford for lunch at the historic Octorara Hotel, 2 South Third St., Oxford, 19363. Everyone to purchase their food from menu.
- ♦ After lunch, travel to North Star Orchards, 3232 Limestone Road, Cochranville, PA 19330 for a sit-down apple-tasting event at cost of \$10 per person.

RSVP by September 11 by contacting Fran Sharon at 610-932-2549 or twofrans@zoominternet.net

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The food was good and plentiful and, as usual, everyone brought a dessert! There is always such a variety. It is always difficult to determine which dessert to eat before I get too full.

Thanks to the Women's Committee and everyone who planned for the picnic and helped out that day!

We are coming up on the time of year when CDCFB holds Policy Development meetings around the county. These meetings give you the opportunity to voice your concerns and wishes for what Farm Bureau's agenda should be for the next 12 months working with government policy makers.

Our success with getting laws passed that benefit agriculture and our communities relies on your input to the process. See the policy development article on first page for locations, dates and times. Please attend the meeting closest to you. We would be pleased to have you attend.

Sincerely,

*"Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer."*

- Ted Williams

**Lyme Disease in Horses**



There are only a few species of animals that are affected by Lyme disease and horses are among them. (The others are humans, laboratory primates, dogs, cattle, and cats.) Horses are at high risk because they spend a lot of their time in tick habitat. Tall grass and woodland edges have particularly high numbers of ticks.

The symptoms of Lyme disease in horses is remarkably similar to the symptoms in people. The most common symptoms in horses include: lameness (often shifting), lethargy, stiffness, fever, weight loss, head shaking, behavior changes, sensitivity to touch, loss of appetite, reluctance to work, and swollen joints. As in humans, the symptoms can be vague, shifting, and might be attributed to other diseases and conditions.

Currently there is no reliable test for Lyme in horses, so diagnosis is mostly by clinical symptoms. Horses may sometimes get the bull's-eye rash seen in fewer than half of human Lyme patients, but it is unlikely to be found. Promising new blood tests may be available at some point.

Doxycycline is often used for treatment. Intravenous antibiotics are sometimes used in more serious cases, followed by oral doxycycline. Treatment may be as short as 30 days or as long as a lifetime, depending on the results. Most horses recover well, especially if treatment is started early. Delayed treatment or under-treatment can prevent a full recovery.

There is no vaccine approved for horses, but the canine Lyme vaccine is sometimes used. Avoiding areas of high tick concentration is one preventative measure. Careful checking for ticks is important, although the ticks are very tiny and difficult to detect. Ticks are most often found on the head and neck, but they could be anywhere. Prompt removal of ticks is vital.

-Doug Fearn, Lyme Disease Association of SE PA



**Lyme Disease Awareness Meeting**

will be held at the Kennett Friends Meeting House, at 7 p.m., 125 W. Sickle Street, Kennett Square, PA (located along Route #82, one mile south of Route #1

**Sept. 19:** Dr. Michael Briggs, Pharm.D of the Lionville Natural Pharmacy. will discuss a variety of topics regarding the treatment of Lyme disease.

Dr. Briggs is one of our most popular speakers.

- Doug Fearn, Lyme Disease Association of SE PA  
For details, [www.lymepa.org](http://www.lymepa.org) for details.

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## Logan Hall Joins Staff at Penn State Extension, Chester County

Logan Hall, former Cumberland County 4-H Educator and also past Deputy Communications Director at the PA Department of Agriculture, has been selected as an Extension Educator at Penn State Extension Chester County.



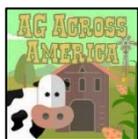
Hall joins Toni Stuetz, Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development, to provide informal STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) based educational experiences and activities for youth throughout Chester County.

“I am looking forward to working with the entire Chester County team and its 4-H program to best serve the youth development and outreach efforts of Penn State Extension,” said Hall. “As a 4-H alumnus – who completed animal science and leadership projects – I know firsthand the positive impact this organization has on the future of our youth as well as the food and agriculture industry.”

“We are very excited to welcome Logan Hall to our Chester County team,” said Stephanie Shirk, Penn State Extension Client Relationship Manager. His expertise, insights and vibrant energy will be of great value to our 4-H programs and his animal science experience will also be beneficial to the strong 4-H livestock programs in Chester County. They will complement efforts to grow local STEM activities with the PA 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge where he serves on the state task force” Shirk continued.



The Extension Council in Chester County invites the public to meet the staff and learn more about the programs offered during the Chester County 4-H Fair at the Romano 4-H Center, located at 1841 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook. There will be an open house on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 4–6 p.m. Parking and admission are free.



## Ag Across America

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has launched an update to the My American Farm game, *Ag Across America*.

AFBF for Agriculture was founded in 1967 and works to educate the public about the importance of agriculture and reconnect them with the people who grow their food through educational outreach and learning resources.

A geography-based game, *Ag Across America* is one of the most popular My American Farm games. The updated version features 100 new questions highlighting agricultural diversity across the nation, including videos of real American farmers asking questions. *Ag Across America* tests students’ knowledge on agriculture commodities and is geared toward third- to fifth-graders.

The *Ag Across America* app is available for free download in the iTunes App Store and in the Google Play Store. It can also be played online at [www.myamericanfarm.org](http://www.myamericanfarm.org).

My American Farm educational resources are a special project of the AFBF for Agriculture. The site and resources are made possible through the generous support of title sponsor, DuPont Pioneer. To take advantage of the free My American Farm resources, games and activities, visit <http://myamericanfarm.org>. **Contact:** Cyndie Shearing Director, Internal Communications at (202) 406-3649 or [cyndies@fb.org](mailto:cyndies@fb.org)

## Kudos to our Members . . .

. . . Representative Harry Lewis has been chosen by the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry as their “2018 Citizen of the Year. Rep. Lewis will retire at the end of this session; he will receive this distinguished award at CCCBI’s annual dinner at Longwood Gardens on November 8<sup>th</sup>.



Prior to his election to the House, Lewis distinguished himself as an outstanding educator for more than 40 years. During his career, he served the Coatesville Area Senior High School as principal, assistant principal, special education teacher, and physical education teacher



. . . William Gladden is the new Executive Director of The French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Gladden has more than 30 years of public & private sector experience in land use, preservation, and management, and will bring this expertise to the Trust (which preserves and connects people to the land in northern Chester County).

. . . Dixon Stroud, Landhope Corporation’s owner and president, has begun construction on a new store in Lower Oxford Township, at the corner of Conner Road and Limestone Road. In addition to regular convenience store items, the new store will feature a spacious coffee and specialty beverage area, hand-dipped ice cream, and the famous Landhope deli. It will also feature high-speed diesel pumps at the back.

## Pennsylvania Farmers Can Apply for Prestigious Conservation Award

A prestigious award that celebrates voluntary conservation by farmland owners is coming to Pennsylvania. This year Pennsylvania will become the 14th state to present the Leopold Conservation Award in partnership with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) and Heinz Endowments.

The Wisconsin-based Sand County Foundation, the nation’s leading voice for private land conservation, presents the award to farmers, ranchers and foresters for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation on private working lands.

The inaugural award will be presented at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January. The recipient receives \$10,000 and a crystal award.

“PFB welcomes this opportunity to promote the inaugural Leopold Conservation Award in the state as another occasion to recognize and reward farmers, who are going above and beyond in adopting Best Management Practices on their farms to protect the environment, while maintaining the future economic viability of their farming operations,” PFB President Rick Ebert said.

Nominations for the award will be accepted through **August 15**. Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. The application is available at <http://bit.ly/LeopoldAwardPA>. For more information, visit [www.leopoldconservationaward.org](http://www.leopoldconservationaward.org)

## Farmers Advocate in Washington



Meghan Klotzbach from Yeatmans Mushroom Farms, West Grove, joined six other Pennsylvania farmers on the second of three federal affairs trips this year to Washington, D.C. visiting with our legislators.

During the trip, the group went through an in-depth advocacy training at the American Farm Bureau Federation, visited the Irish Embassy to talk about trade, toured the U.S. Capitol and met with legislators and staffers to discuss the Farm Bill, trade and other matters.

The attendees met with Reps. Tom Marino, Lou Barletta and Glenn "G.T." Thompson as well as staff for Sens. Bob Casey and Pat Toomey and Reps. Lloyd Smucker, Keith Rothfus, Conor Lamb, Bill Shuster, and Mike Kelly.

A third federal affairs trip is planned for September. Applications for 2019 trips will be available later this year.



## Thank you to the Hewitts for All Their Support of CDCFB over the Years

Robert and Danielle Hewitt have retired from farming and moved to the Pocono Lake area.

The Hewitts have been CDCFB members for over 40 years and during that time have been actively involved with Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau. Bob has served on the CDCFB Board of Directors for many years, including as president. Both Bob and Danielle have worked diligently with our county's scholarship program since its inception.

We wish them well in their retirement years and want them to know that their legacy in farm bureau will be remembered as we strive to continue their leadership in promoting agriculture and especially continue to award scholarships to young people pursuing ag-related careers.

## FYI: Pigs and Cows Allergy Partners??

Living close to a livestock farm may lower one's risk of common allergies among adults who aren't farmers or agriculture workers, according to research published in *Occupational & Environmental Medicine*.

In fact, the closer the proximity to pigs and cattle, the better the chance to lower the risk of allergenic sensitization. In addition, those who lived in an area of high farm density as a child had significantly lower allergy risks, suggesting that long-term exposure may be particularly effective.

## Where has the summer gone?

*"and all at once, summer collapsed into fall"*  
– Oscar Wilde

*"Summer should get a speeding ticket"*

*"The tans will fade, but the memories last forever"*

## CDCFB Members Attend West Vincent Fair

Our Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau is not only anxious to maintain our membership but also to be good local citizens by supporting financially and physically a wide range of local educational institutions and rural events. We take seriously the need to provide information to the general public about farming and major issues facing farmers today.



In June, our President Dan Miller and I had a table at the West Vincent County Fair. We chose to have a quiz – "What do you know about farming?" Anyone willing to take the 10 question

quiz was given the *Bounty of Chester County* heritage edition cookbook produced by the Chester County Agricultural Development Council. [Photo above shows Duncan in action with quiz-takers at the West Vincent County Fair]

We usually start with a question about our farmers. 79% of the 38 people (usually couples and families) taking the quiz knew that "one U.S. farmer today feeds 143 people" and 68% knew that "farmers only received 16 cents out of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home." The others listed 110 and one even listed only 72 people.

There was widespread belief that large corporations dominate the farm landscape. Absolutely not true! Only 45% knew that "96% of our farms are still family-owned," 34% believed "it was only 51%" and others said "75%".

Defining plant nutrients was a challenge and only 34% were able to list nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium as the main ones (recognizing the NPK listing on fertilizer bags). Sun and water were often listed and over 20% just left the answer blank.

Virtually all – 89% - recognized that "plant diseases cause damage in one form or another to all parts of a plant." 95% rightly knew that mushrooms are grown all-year round and in special mushroom houses. Some were surprised our "Kennett Square and New Garden mushroom growers supply over 65% of all the fresh mushrooms consumed in the U.S." – many did know this.

Regarding livestock, the question gave a choice of "gallons of milk per day produced by the average Holstein dairy cow." 63% circled 6-7 gallons correctly with the remainder divided between 4-5 gallons and 2-3 gallons. Only a few were able to list four products such as cheese, butter, yogurt and ice cream that are based on milk. 45% did not list butter! The dairy industry has some work to do!

Quiz takers were asked to explain what they understood by the term "sustainable farming." Six people did not even attempt to provide an answer. Most were able to provide a brief and reasonable description, such as: "Keep the land and soil fertile; Using resources that renew; Farming that can continue without damaging the soil," etc.

The concept of sustainability is indeed complex and indicates the challenge in explaining in clear terms the many developments in crop and livestock production from organic to GMOs, crop protection chemicals and animal welfare.

Our simple quizzes can only touch on very basic topics but the need is great to inform the public. It is a huge responsibility for the agricultural industry to supply the necessary information to inform as many people as it can. And we are trying.

– by Duncan Allison



## Did You Know . . .

- . . . that Penn State is one of the most popular schools for future executives, as it places second, behind only Stanford, in number of graduating CEOs (Chief Executive Officers)?
- . . . that worldwide, a third of all food is lost or thrown away each year? – according to U.N.’s Food and Ag Organization?
- . . . that the number of people trapped by hunger is up from 795 million to 815 million people globally? One in 3 get the wrong nutrition from malnutrition to obesity. –Jeff Simmons, president of Elanco, division of Eli Lilly and Company
- . . . that by 2050, two thirds of the world's population will live in urban areas, according to the United Nations? The shift away from rural living creates challenges for food security, the environment and people's well-being.
- . . . that the U.S. added more solar power than any other type of electricity in the first quarter of 2018? Solar accounts for 55% of all U.S. electricity added so far in 2018.
- . . . that almost half (40%) of the food in the United States is thrown away while one in eight people struggle with hunger? according to the Natural Resources Defense Council.
- . . . that the white ash tree, once an abundant resource in northwestern PA, is virtually disappearing because of a disease from the emerald ash borer. This means that white ash bats from PA and New York (a mainstay in baseball since 1880) could soon disappear from the Major Leagues.

## Job Opening for CDL Driver to Move Ag Lab

Are you a CDL licensed driver looking for flexible, part-time weekend work? If so, Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation has the perfect position for you!

We are hiring part-time haulers for our Mobile Ag Lab Program to transport our Labs on the weekends. Position requires weekend availability from September through June – part-time, flexible weekend hours, CDL required, openings across the state, vehicle provided for hauling Ag Lab.

For more info, visit: [www.pafbfriends.org](http://www.pafbfriends.org) or call Friends of Ag Foundation at 717.731.3555.

### Dates to Remember:

- Aug. 14-16: Ag Progress Days, R. Larsen Ag Research Center at Rock Springs, nine miles southwest of State College (GPS address: 2710 W. Pine Grove Rd., Pennsylvania Furnace, PA).
- Aug. 23: Policy Development meeting, at 7 p.m., at the Upper Oxford Twp. Building
- Aug. 30: Policy Development meeting, at 7 p.m., at the Romano 4-H Center, Honey Brook
- Sept. 6: Policy Development meeting, at 7 p.m., at Lanefield Farm, Unionville
- Sept. 21: “Ladies & Gentlemen Day Out” – tour the Conowingo Dam, etc. (details on page two)
- Oct. 4: CDCFB Fall Banquet & “Meet the Candidates” Night (see details on first page)

## Annual Mushroom Festival – September 8-9 in Kennett Square



Don't miss the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mushroom Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9. Admission is \$3 (over 12 years old). For more info: contact: 610-925-3373.

Did you know that over 65% of the mushrooms consumed in the United States are grown right here in Kennett Square – which is the “Mushroom Capital of the World.”

Be sure to stop by the Chester Delaware Co. Farm Bureau information booth to spin the Ag Wheel and win a prize.

The Saturday event is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Sunday event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For GPS directions, use 101 South Union Street, Kennett Square PA 19348.

## “Choose PA Dairy: Goodness that Matters”



Did you know that YOU can help our dairy farmers! Here's how – it is very simple! The best thing you can do is to buy Pennsylvania-produced and processed dairy products, especially milk.

Just look for the “PA Preferred” logo or the plant code number **42** on the packaging and make sure to purchase those products. Not all Pennsylvania-produced milk has the “PA Preferred” logo (which is a voluntary marketing campaign), however, all PA milk will have the **42** on containers. It is the first number after “Plant” or “Plt” and is usually found printed near the top of the milk container or on the lid

The “Choose PA Dairy: Goodness that Matters” campaign has been launched by the state Department of Agriculture along with dairy industry groups as the state dairy crisis deepens.

## The 2019 New Member Campaign Has Begun

Chester Delaware County Farm Bureau's 2018 total members climbed to a record number of 7,924 members. We are proud to say that, once again, CDCFB finished as “Number One in Pennsylvania.” Thank you all for your memberships which help to make our organization strong.

Did you know that this is the very best time of the year to recruit new members to join Farm Bureau? Here's why: Anyone joining Farm Bureau now is signing up for the 2019 membership year. The rest of 2018 is free!

CDCFB membership workers are recruiting new members now and they would be happy and more than willing to have you take part in this most worthwhile endeavor. If you have someone in mind that you think should be a farm bureau member, contact one of the CDCFB Board of Directors listed on the back page of this newsletter. They will be most willing to get you the materials you need and/or go to see these prospects themselves.

*Note: Your 2019 membership dues billing will be in the mail the beginning of September. Remember if you pay your dues by September 30, that you can take a \$5 discount.*

– Howard Robinson, Membership Chairman

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You are welcome to attend.

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