

Susquehanna County Farm Bureau

May 2020



WELCOME TO OUR 2020 NEW MEMBERS!

David Breese ~ Diane Furnam ~ Benjamin Hepler ~ Brian C Hepler

David Paul Hopkins ~ Walter D. Konsur ~ Leslie Lotz

Roger E Scott ~ Richard Mark Soden ~ Craig L Stark ~ Annette Zrowka

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic SCFB has been meeting via teleconferencing.

Membership - Joe Decker & Joe Loomis We attained our TOTAL GOAL on February 6th. A big thank you to all membership workers. Bob Perhacs will be treating with pizza, when we are able to have an in-person monthly meeting. February 11th was Farm Bureau Day. We brought the attendance banner again for SCFB.

Women's Leadership - Emma Hinkley June 1st was the deadline for submitting entries for the safety coloring/poster contest. The theme is "Be Safe, Don't Pass." Emma provided light refreshments for the Legislative Local Affairs meeting at the March 6 Ag Day at Elk Lake School. Our table basket winner was Jennifer Ramey. The I-81 rest stop has been closed so we have not been able to have scheduled promotions. The "Farmer's Care" Scranton Ronald McDonald House meeting was canceled. Emma has collected \$371.75 in monetary and non-perishable groceries for this most important program.

YAP (Young Ag Professionals) - Richie Klim & Holly Klim

On February 15-16, the PFB Leadership Conference was attended by Richie and Holly. A gift basket was donated for a Blue Ridge school cause. We have made donations for 3 FFA jackets for new FFA members of the Honesdale chapter. Nice thank you's have been received from those students.



Richie Klim and Holly Klim seen here listening to a breakout session on growing quality forages.

Ag Promotion - Jim Barbour & Dave DeLeon January 17-22 Jim Barbour, Dave & Mania DeLeon attended the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. On March 7, the 5th PFB County Chair Conference was attended by the Barbours, the DeLeons, and by Emma Hinkley. Ag Literacy Week, which was to have been held March 16-20, was canceled as the Susquehanna County schools were closed due to COVID-19. The Susquehanna County Dairy Promotion Program donated \$150 toward the cost of books. The PA Friends of Ag Annual Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for September 8th. The July 12-16 Educator Ag Institute has been canceled.

Local Affairs - Bill Bayne & Thom Helmacy On March 6, Ag Day provided a great place to network with government relations for SCFB - meeting with legislators, the Susquehanna County Conservation District, county commissioners, and township supervisors. The Susquehanna County Penn State Trustee Caucus, which was scheduled for April 17th, and the Penn State Trustee Election, scheduled for May 7th, were both canceled. The May 1st Envirothon was also canceled. The \$100 SCFB donation will be used for the 2021 Envirothon. A \$100 donation was given to the Summer Lunch Box Program. Dave DeLeon has participated in the PFB Wildlife Committee Teleconferences. We purchased a full page ad in the Harford Fair Book.

Government Relations - Bill Shay Thanks to Bill for his great networking at the March 6 Ag Day. Jim Barbour was the moderator of the Local Government meeting. On March 25, the PA Legislative Conference was canceled. A February 11 Legislative Update meeting in Wyoming, PA, was attended by nine members. Action Alert responded to asking D.C. Congress for their support for the CARES-1 Act. Many thanks to Joe Plonski for arranging a very productive and educational meeting with Rep. Jonathan Fritz.

Teleconferencing Donna Williams has participated in a presidents conference call with Sam Keiffer. Jim Barbour, Dave DeLeon, and Mickey Klim participated in a conference call with PFB president, Rick Ebert, Secretary of Ag, Russell Redding, Rep. G.T. Thompson and Joel Rotz, PFB.



CENSUS 2020 - In the past two censuses, 25% of rural Pennsylvanians were not counted. Urban and suburban residents were counted at a significantly higher rate. Not only does this give us reduced representation in Washington, D.C. and Harrisburg, it also reduces money coming back for our schools, roads and hundreds of our other needs from the federal and state governments.

Not participating in the census increases our local taxes. Money not coming from Washington and Harrisburg for our roads, schools, etc, has to be made up for locally. For every rural resident not counted, our representation goes down and the power of areas such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Scranton is increased. We should be contacted or have gotten a census form with details.

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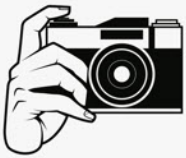
The Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab Program is hiring teachers

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 - Openings across the state
 - Work with K-8 grade students
 - Established curriculum
- Find out more @ www.pfb.com/careers



Do you have a Manure Management Plan?

Under Pennsylvania Code Chapter 91, all animal operations must have a manure management plan. The Susquehanna County Conservation District is responsible and held accountable by the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct farm visits ensuring farms have a manure management plan and agricultural erosion and sediment plan. If you would like the Conservation District to visit your farm and go over a manure management plan with you for no cost, please contact the Conservation District office at 570-782-2105 and ask for Nate Harpster or Mike Kolessar.



Submit a Photo to Celebrate 70 Years of PFB

This year, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is celebrating 70 years of advocating for agriculture and rural communities.

To commemorate this milestone, we are freshening up our office walls with photos taken by our members from across the Keystone State. Our goal is to showcase the beauty of farming and rural life in the Keystone State across all four seasons.

To submit a photo for consideration, please fill out an online entry form and submit your photo at www.pfb.com/PhotoSubmissions. The photographer's name, county, title of photo, year the photo was taken, and optional photo description of 50 words or fewer will be displayed with the photograph, if selected. The deadline for entries is Nov. 1.

Be sure to also share your photo on social media and use the hashtag **#PFB70**.

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE IS A SOLID INVESTMENT

ANY way you slice it, Americans enjoy the safest and most abundant food supply in the world. The cherry on top of the ice cream sundae is that American farmers produce that food for our fellow countrymen and women at the lowest cost on the planet with little investment on their part.

With the recent farm bill and all the ink devoted to "agricultural subsidies" by non-ag media outlets still top of mind, one would think ag spending is a significant federal budget expense. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Of the top 15 budget items shown in the table, agriculture ranks 15, accounting for 85 cents out of every \$100 in federal tax dollars . . . a pittance when one weighs the fact that everyone must eat. The big three — Defense, Social Security and Health care — account for 69.3 percent of federal budget outlays. In ninth is spending for food assistance, accounting for \$2.39 for every \$100, reported the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Even though the federal government spends little on agricultural research and farm assistance, American agricul-

ture continues to thrive. It's a message we should share more often with our neighbors. It's also a firm reminder that we could one day pay the price for dwindling ag research budgets.

Where each \$100 in taxes goes

Defense and military benefits	\$23.68
Social Security	23.39
Health care	22.23
Interest	6.41
Veteran benefits	4.02
Transportation	2.65
Civilian federal retirement	2.65
Refundable tax credits	2.43
Food stamps	2.39
Unemployment insurance	2.00
Supplemental security income	1.53
Housing assistance	1.35
Education	1.32
Foreign aid	0.97
Agriculture	0.85
Other	2.13

Source: Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget

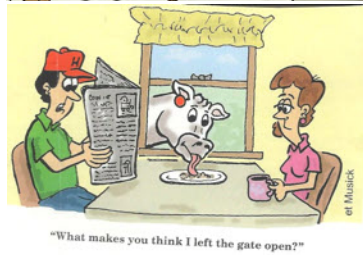
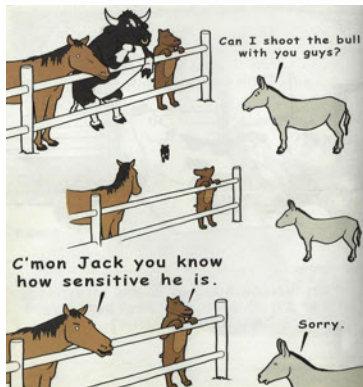
Food for thought:

842 MILLION
people in the world
don't have enough food.



In order to feed our growing population, global food production will need to increase by **70% BEFORE 2050.**

Over the next **50 YEARS**, farmers will need to produce more food than has been produced during all human history.



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11 Uses For Milk (besides drinking it)



- **Thaw frozen fish in a milk bath.** Milk acts as a natural moisturizer to restore hydration and flavor back to frozen fish. Real Simple magazine suggests leaving a submerged piece of frozen fish in a milk bath in the refrigerator for 24 hours. One commenter suggests that it works on frozen scallops, too.
- **Create a milk powder paste for a gentle facial mask.** Mix milk powder with enough water to make a paste, gently massage into your face and let it sit for 10 minutes before rinsing, as suggested here.
- **Polish tarnished silverware with sour milk.** Soak tarnished silverware in sour milk for 30 minutes and wash in soapy water to both polish and brighten the silverware.
- **Repair fine china.** Put a piece of fine china with a hairline crack in a big pot, cover in milk and simmer the milk for 45 minutes. The proteins in the milk bond with the clay in the china, thus sealing the crack. Some readers of the blog "apartment therapy" warn that it doesn't work with every crack or chip, but "when it does work, the fix is permanent."
- **Soothe itchy skin.** Combine enough milk powder and water to create a paste that can treat bug bites, sunburns and irritated skin. Yahoo! Shine points that the enzymes in the milk powder help neutralize insect-bite venom and can relieve sunburn pain. Milk powder can also be added to pulverized oatmeal, corn starch and baking powder for a chicken pox-easing oatmeal milk bath.
- **Mix with oatmeal to create an industrial-strength hand cleaner.** When regular soap just won't cut it, create a paste of oatmeal and milk. Rub vigorously on hands to remove the grime and soften your skin. Lemon juice can also be added to help cut through exceptionally greasy messes.
- **Stain remover.** The best way to get rid of most ink stains on clothes is to soak the stain in milk. For really stubborn stains, *Lifehacker* suggests adding vinegar to the milk when soaking the stained clothes to break down and lift the stain.
- **Shine patent leather.** To quickly shine patent leather shoes, run a milk-soaked rag over the shoes. For a deeper shine, apply the milk to the shoes, let dry and buff the shoes to a shine. The method also works on other patent leather products, including purses and jackets. Milk can also be applied to a clean cotton swab to wipe off scuff marks on patent leather.
- **Remove makeup.** Combine powdered milk with warm water to gently lift off makeup. It not only removes makeup, but moistures skin as it works.
- **Helps swallow large pills.** Milk can help swallowing pills by coating the throat and protecting the stomach lining as the pill breaks down. However, milk can react with some medication, such as tetracycline, so check with a pharmacist or doctor first.
- **Cool a spicy mouth.** The "*Mythbusters*" even busted the myth that water or beer worked as well as milk when it comes to soothing a burning mouth after eating spicy food. Thanks to casein, a fat-loving compound found in milk, the spicy capsaicin oil found in chilies binds with the casein to lessen the burning pain.

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