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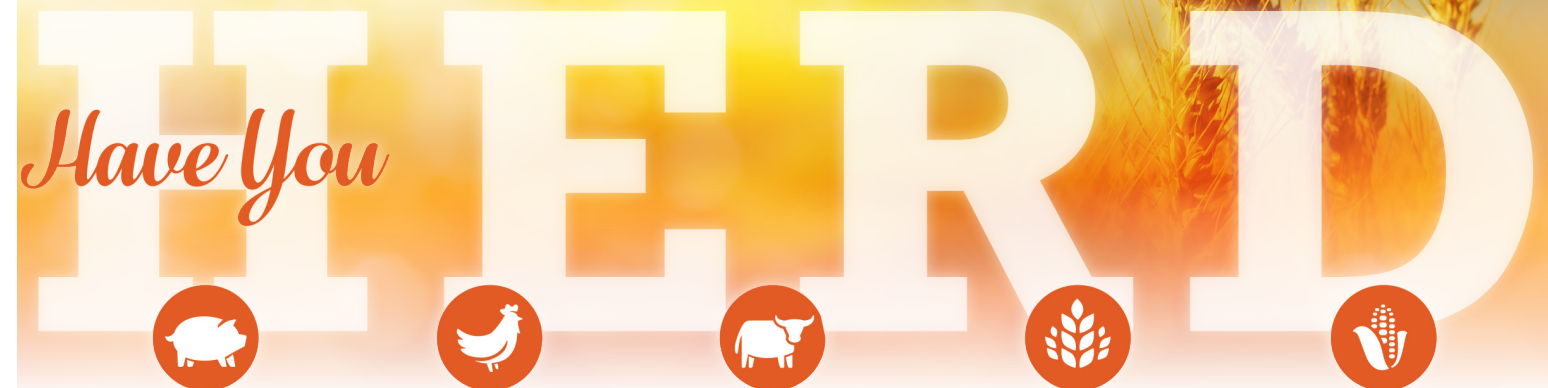
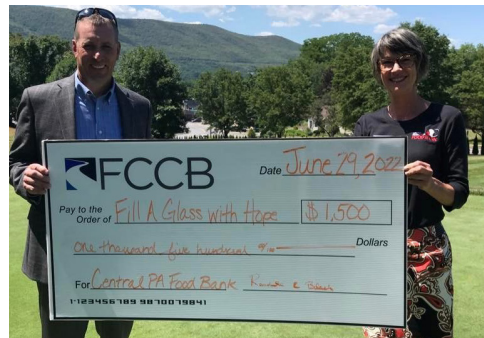


Our Troy Team served over 250 free milkshakes to their customers in celebration of Dairy Month. The Bradford County Dairy Princess, Rachel Jelliff, rolled up her sleeves to help out.

In honor of our 150th Anniversary, FCCB donated \$1,500 to Fill a Glass With Hope, an organization that raises funds to help food banks purchase fresh milk directly from their local dairies to distribute to families in need.



Ben Landis, Jason Landis, and Adam Brandt recently volunteered at the Family Farm Days hosted by Oregon Dairy. This large three-day event promotes Ag education and awareness.



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President's Message

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has a long history of supporting the Ag industry, as do we. Some of you may have seen our logo on one of the seven Mobile Ag Education Science Labs owned by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, or may be aware of the benefits we offer to other Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members. This year we are proud to be the premier sponsors of the 72nd PFB Annual meeting, which is going to be held November 14th – 16th at the Hershey Lodge. To register, visit PFB.com. Many members of our Ag Team will be there and we hope to see you!

In this issue of Have You Herd we are proud to share some highlights from the Barnstormers Farm Show Night event. We were so glad many of you were able to come out and join us, and we were especially excited to be there supporting agriculture on such a beautiful summer night.

Wishing you continued success in all of your endeavors,

Randy

Community SPOTLIGHT

For 17 years, the Lancaster Barnstormers have been bringing family fun to Clipper Magazine Stadium, located just north of downtown Lancaster. For the past two summers, FCCB was proud to sponsor Farm Show Night at the stadium. The Farm Show night event includes tractor displays, live animals, milkshakes, and farming equipment displays. This event gives people the opportunity to see farm animals in person and even to pet some of them, in addition to providing the opportunity to explore the various elements of agriculture that get food from farm to table. It is one of the most popular nights of the year at the venue!

At this year's event, the FCCB Ag Team paid tribute to Jeff Bollinger, who sadly passed away earlier this year. Jeff was an exceptional lender and a key member of our Ag Banking Family. We will always remember him as a genuine, happy man who lived a life committed to Agriculture and who was a dedicated family man. In his honor, Jeff's children, Zach and Emmy, kicked off the game by throwing the first pitch.



Santino Mariani poses with Cylo and a Farm Show Milkshake before the game begins.



(Left to Right): Ben Landis, Ian Weaver, Nathan Graybeal, Carl Hackman, Mariel Torres-Lopez, and Kaitlin Bell take pose for the camera at the FCCB giveaway table.



Fresh IDEAS

Grilled Corn Salad

This flavorful corn salad is the perfect addition to your summer picnic.

4 ears corn, shucked and grilled
1/4 cup toasted nuts (walnuts or pecans) roughly chopped
1 cup tender herbs (such as cilantro, basil, or parsley), chopped
1/2 cup pickled onions
1/4 cup Parmesan
Juice of 1/2 lime
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt & Pepper

- 1 Remove kernels from cob and place in a large bowl
- 2 Add all other ingredients, then season with salt and pepper.
- 3 Refrigerate until ready to serve.

What's Happening IN AG?

Supporting the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation

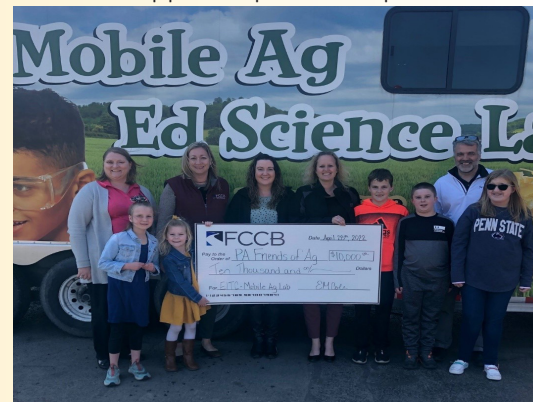
Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation, a charitable organization supported by the PA Farm Bureau, works to enlighten the public about farming and agriculture, create educational programs for children who may have no exposure to agriculture, train teachers on agricultural concepts while helping them meet their own continuing education requirements, fund scholarships for post-secondary agriculture studies, and promote career opportunities in agriculture.

Their Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab program has brought hands-on science lessons to over 1 million students across Pennsylvania since its start in 2003. The program, now in its 14th year, uses hands-on, STEM-based lessons to teach students about the importance of agriculture through the scientific method.

The Foundation also offers a variety of scholarship opportunities. The E. Chester Heim Scholarship is available to students at Penn State and Delaware Valley who are pursuing agricultural education. The Richard W. Newpher/Farm Bureau Endowed Scholarship is for graduate students at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine who are dedicated to large animal studies.

Their newest endeavor, Pennsylvania's state-wide Ag Literacy Week, brings Agriculture into the classroom in a whole new way. FFA and 4H groups, as well as those who work directly in the Ag industry, volunteer as readers. The students also participate in activities that reinforce the concepts from the story, including the source of their food and careers in Agriculture.

At FCCB, we are proud supporters of the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation and are happy to make a \$10,000 donation to support this great cause. Recently, some of our employees and their children toured the Mobile Ag Lab and stopped to pose for a photo.



Left to Right: Charlene Espenshade (Pa Friends of Ag Foundation), Ella Petrowski, Ava Machmer, Erin Cole, Ashley Petrowski, Misti Machmer, Camden Machmer, Carter Petrowski, Chris Landis, Kyli Landis.



Karns Grocery Chain Contracts With Pennsylvania Beef Farmers

The mission of Keystone Farm Future is to help sustain small Pennsylvania farms by driving the sale of local meat to PA grocery stores. They recently announced the successful launch of their program in Karns Quality Foods Supermarkets.

Keystone Farm Future has gained agreement from a large grocery store chain to pilot their program in 29 stores in Central PA. They also currently have 6 more supermarkets who are in the process of signing onto the program.

To meet the new demand, they are working with the Northern Tier Grow Ag Committee to connect them with farmers in the Northern Tier who can meet the qualifications. Several key considerations include travel distance between one of two processors currently located in Westfield, PA and Loganton, PA, and the ability to have 40 square feet to accommodate a pot belly of 62 heads.

For more information on Keystone Farm Future, visit their website at KeystoneFarmFuture.com.

Biosecurity UPDATE

According to Lancaster Farming, outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) in Pennsylvania this spring lead to the depopulation of 4 million chickens and ducks – 10% of losses nationwide. Summer is here and rising temperatures have reduced the spread but when fall arrives with cooler weather, migration south will begin bringing with it a potential for a spike in cases. Poultry farmers should remain vigilant in their biosecurity measures and train employees to make biosecurity a part of their routines.

The PBA recommends Biosecurity Plans include actions related to the Perimeter Buffer Area (PBA) and the Line of Separation (LOS).

The PBA is the outside line to the farm. This is the point where you will disinfect vehicles coming onto the farm. A sanitation station with weatherproof storage would be ideal. The PBA would also be the point where a garden shed or special drop box can be placed so that deliveries can be made securely.

The LOS is where you are about to enter the room where the birds are housed – where you try to separate whatever is outside from what is inside. This area is used to put on poultry house clothing, change shoes to house-specific shoes, and disinfect hands and feet before entering.

The investment in a good biosecurity program is much less expensive than the loss of a flock and the associated lost income. Plan ahead today to keep your flock and your operation healthy!

Employee HIGHLIGHTS

Our Ag Banking Team Continues to Grow – Kaitlin Bell, Ag Business Development Associate

Kaitlin, grew up on her family's beef cattle farm B&R Angus in Nottingham, PA. From the time she was young, Kaitlin knew she wanted to find a career in agriculture. "For me," said Kaitlin, "Ag Banking combines my passion for helping farmers with my education and beliefs."

She attended Kansas State University, majoring in Agribusiness with a minor in Animal Sciences and Industry. Kaitlin was named one of the 12 All-American Team Members by the Intercollegiate Livestock Coaches Association.

Our Ag Banking Team is made of farmers who can help operations get to the next level because they understand the challenges and rewards of a life in agriculture. To learn more about the team, visit WePutFarmersFirst.com.



EVENTS & STUFF YOU'LL WANT TO DO

The 37th annual Kennett Square Mushroom Festival will take place on September 10th and 11th on State Street in Kennett Square.

Come join the fun!



The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau will provide presentations on issues that appeal to a wide variety of farmers during their 72nd Annual Meeting, scheduled for November 14-16, 2022, at the Hershey Lodge. We hope to see you there!