



Berks County Farm Bureau Berks Newsletter

Robin Lincoln, Editor

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Spring Banquet Friday, March 31, 2023 Check in time is 6:30pm

This event will be held indoors at the
Oley Fair Center: 26 Jefferson St, Oley 19547.

Kathryn's Katering: Fruit Cup, Tossed Salad, Roast Beef, BBQ Pork Ribs, Potato Filling, Green Bean Almondine, Corn, and Dessert will all be on the menu.

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Reservation Deadline is Friday, March 17, 2023

PFB Federal Affairs Coordinator Bailey Thumm will be speaking at our Banquet and giving an update on many Federal Issues that interest us all!

Also Berks County students from 4H Ignite to Washington DC will be attending to tell us about their trip!

Entertainment by: Yvonne Hartman



Contemporary Christian Artist Yvonne Hartman is a worshipper with a guitar. The Southeastern Pennsylvania-based artist and songwriter takes the message of faith and weaves it throughout songs of everyday life. Showcasing the sounds of Contemporary Christian Music, Hartman is known for her authenticity, her sincerity and building a personal connection with the audiences she's been blessed to inspire. She's also known as a gifted vocalist and songwriter. Many know her also for her catchy songs and her ability to take life experiences and meld them within clever lyrics, a genre she's dubbed "inspirational/situational". Through the years, she's honed her musical skills and gained a following in the process. Whether it's leading worship at churches or during sets at coffeehouses, Yvonne Hartman loves sharing the gift of music that God has given her. A recording artist as well, she's written over 85 songs and released 7 full length albums and a Christmas EP. Her music is available in CD and USB formats as well as digital downloads from online stores such as iTunes, Amazon music, Google Play, and more and via streaming on Spotify, iTunes, Amazon Music, Google Play, and Pandora.

Environmental Update

From Environmental Specialist Grant Gulibon

Farm Bureau Informs Members on Pennsylvania HPAI Incident Response

Farm Bureau continues to participate with PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) officials, industry professionals, and other stakeholders regarding the state's response to recent outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) across Pennsylvania. Farm Bureau also provides updated information on the status of Pennsylvania's HPAI response via its website at <https://bit.ly/3YqdzLb>, and on Twitter (@PFBRegAffairs). Farm Bureau continues to distribute information to producers and the public on the importance of biosecurity, as well as sample drop-off locations and state laboratory hours and procedures.

HPAI detections were frequent across Pennsylvania in November-December 2022. Six commercial turkey flocks were depopulated in November, with a loss of over 128,000 birds. Outbreaks also occurred on both the Pennsylvania-New Jersey and Pennsylvania-Maryland border, with implications for cross-state poultry movement in both cases. On Jan. 30, a commercial duck flock of 40,000 birds in Lancaster County was affected, along with a backyard flock in Allegheny County. Continued vigilance is cautioned in the coming months, as the spring migration season begins and wild birds continue to spread avian illnesses. PDA recently recommended that all poultry be maintained indoors, updating and expanding its earlier recommendation regarding organic poultry.

Farm Bureau Environmental Specialist Grant Gulibon was interviewed by WGAL-TV (NBC-Lancaster) and WPMT-TV (FOX-Harrisburg/Lebanon/York/Lancaster) during the 2023 PA Farm Show on HPAI and its effects on egg prices, and also spoke on Jan. 30 on the topic with WHTM-TV (ABC-Harrisburg).

PDA also announced that Round Three opened for eligible losses in the second event of HPAI this year. PDA allowed integrators who, in good faith, provide growers income during the period (beginning of HPAI) of no revenue to be eligible for reimbursement. Round Three closed on Jan. 15, 2023.

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
March 31	Spring Banquet	Oley Fair Center	6:30 p.m.
April 14	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
May 5	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
September 29	Fall Banquet	Oley Fair Center	6:30 p.m.



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