



Berks County Farm Bureau Berks Newsletter

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Dairy Princess and the Lil Miss

I hope you enjoyed our Fall Banquet!
We hope to see you at our Spring Banquet:
April 5th at the Oley Fair Center

2023 POLICIES

As approved at the meeting: Berks County Farm Bureau September 29, 2023

1. We recommend legislation to make it the hunter's responsibility to have permission to hunt, not the farmer's responsibility to post his land.
2. We recommend there be third party testing of biosolids and limits to number of successive applications that are allowed.
3. We recommend repealing the protections on the "Black Vulture" which allegedly feed on live animals.
4. We recommend schools be required to offer curriculum on personal finances.
5. We recommend all fluid milk options including whole milk and flavored milk, not be included in the Federally mandated school meals diet calorie count calculation, but be served additionally as a wholesome nutritional beverage.

Mark Your Calendars for PFB Annual Meeting

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's 73rd Annual Meeting will take place November 13-15 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

In addition to celebrating PFB's accomplishments, hundreds

of members will gather to elect leaders and establish our policies on farming and rural life issues.

This year we will be kicking off the Annual Meeting on Sunday night, Nov. 12 with an Opening Reception beginning at 7:00 p.m. President Chris Hoffman will offer opening remarks and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Don't forget to save the date!

Save the Date

November 13-15:
PFB Annual Meeting

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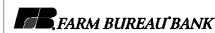
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
November 3	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
December 8	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
January 12	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
February 8	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.



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