



Berks County Farm Bureau Berks Newsletter

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Fall Banquet

Friday, September 27, 2024

Check in time is 6:30pm

Come out and help make policies!

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

Kathryn's Katering: Fruit Cup, Tossed Salad, Chicken, BBQ Pork Ribs,
Potato Filling, 2 vegetables, and Dessert will all be on the menu.

\$15 a person, kids 10 and under free

Mail your check for \$15 a person (kids 10 and under free) made out to:
BCFB: Mail to: Robin Lincoln 315 S Baumstown Rd, Birdsboro PA 19508

This will secure your reservations. (no tickets)
Reservation Deadline is Monday 9/16/24



Senator Judy Schwank's AGRICULTURE UPDATE!

Featuring:

Russell Redding, Secretary of the Pennsylvania
Department of Agriculture

Dr. Alex Hamberg, Pennsylvania State Veterinarian

— Wednesday, September 4, 2024 —

10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

**Penn State Berks Janssen
Conference Center**

Tulpehocken & Broadcasting Roads, Reading, PA 19610

Light refreshments will be provided at the event. Please call Senator
Schwank's office at (610) 929-2151 to RSVP.



BCFB Member Testifies in front of Senate



Raechel Sattazahn, Berks County Farm Bureau board member, recently testified in front of the Senate Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade in Washington DC. She was a panelist with other

beginning farmers across the nation, representing Farm Credit where she serves as Horizon Farm Credit's Director of Industry and Membership Relations. Raechel spoke on the importance of supporting the next generation of farmers.



Let's be kind to our "city cousins" and move the heavy equipment over to let them pass on the road.

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- ▶ New members who join by October 31 will be entered to win **\$1,000**
- ▶ All members who sign-up for auto-renewal by October 31 will be entered to win **\$1,000**
- ▶ New members and all renewals submitted by September 30 will be entered to win **\$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500**

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Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Health Services

Choosing your Medicare plan can be overwhelming. It can be hard to figure out what you want, or more important, what you need.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
August 21	Policy Development Meeting	D Wagner Pavilion	7:00 p.m.
September 13	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
September 27	Fall Banquet	Oley Fair Center	6:30 p.m.
October 11	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.
November 8	Board Meeting	Ag Center	7:30 p.m.



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