

## **A Closer Look at the Benefits of Agriculture in Lancaster County**

Lancaster County is home to more than 5,000 farms and 400,000 acres of farmland. Our farmers have been stewards of this land and increased its natural fertility by nurturing, conserving and improving the outstanding Class I, II and III soils for more than 300 years. This uniquely fertile land, combined with a temperate climate and rolling topography have contributed to Lancaster County's reputation as "The Garden Spot."

The 2009 Lancaster County Agriculture Summit will highlight the important role that agriculture plays in Lancaster County. To experience a closer look at the benefits of agriculture in Lancaster County, a panel of experts has been assembled to investigate agriculture's impact in two key areas:

### **Day 1: How Lancaster's Economy Benefits from Agriculture**

Morning seminar, lunch, afternoon tour  
**Location:** The Farm and Home Center  
1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

### **Day 2: How Water Quality Benefits from Agriculture**

Morning seminar, lunch, afternoon tour  
**Location:** Bird-in Hand Family Restaurant,  
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, PA  
17505

**Audience:** County and local government officials, township solicitors and engineers, planners, educators, chamber members and community leaders.

Please join us for this two day event of enlightening and engaging discussion.

**Hosted by the Lancaster County Commissioners**



### **A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:**

Senator Mike Brubaker  
Wenger's Feed Mill, Inc.  
Chamber Agriculture Committee  
Center of Excellence in Production Agriculture  
Coalition for Smart Growth

## **Need more information?**

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# Lancaster County Agriculture Summit

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## Day 1: How Lancaster's Economy Benefits from Agriculture

October 20, 2009

Farm and Home Center

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| REGISTRATION .....  | 8:30-9:00   |
| WELCOME .....   | 9:00-9:20   |
| HOW LANCASTER'S ECONOMY BENEFITS FROM AGRICULTURE.....  | 9:20-9:40   |
| <i>Senator Mike Brubaker</i>  |             |
| LANCASTER'S ROLE IN REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM .....  | 9:40-10:10  |
| <i>Allison Hastings, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission</i>   |             |
| BREAK.....  | 10:10-10:25 |
| PANEL: AGRICULTURE'S ECONOMIC IMPACT AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS.....  | 10:25-11:30 |
| <i>James Dunn, Penn State University<br/>Leon Ressler, Penn State Cooperative Extension<br/>Tom Daniels, University of Pennsylvania<br/>James Cowhey, Lancaster County Planning Commission<br/>Scott Sheely, Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board<br/>Allison Hastings, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission</i> |             |
| WRAP-UP .....   | 11:30-11:45 |
| LUNCH FEATURING LOCAL FOODS..   | 11:45-12:30 |
| DEPART FOR BRUBAKER FARMS.....  | 12:30       |
| TOUR OF BRUBAKER FARMS .....  | 1:00-3:30   |
| <i>Presentations from Ag. Industry Representatives</i>  |             |
| FOOD PROCESSING AND CONTRACT PRODUCTION .....   |             |
| <i>Tyson Foods<br/>Wenger's Feed Mill, Inc.</i>   |             |
| DAIRY PRODUCTION .....  |             |
| <i>Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative<br/>Center for Dairy Excellence<br/>Fisher and Thompson</i>  |             |
| CONSTRUCTION, ENERGY .....  |             |
| <i>Triple H Construction<br/>Ruff Builders<br/>SunLion Energy Systems</i>   |             |
| ANIMAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION .....   |             |
| <i>White Oak Mills<br/>Lancaster Veterinary Associates</i>  |             |
| NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT, ENERGY .....   |             |
| <i>Brubaker Farms<br/>TeamAg, Inc.</i>  |             |
| FINANCE AND LABOR .....   |             |
| <i>PNC Bank<br/>Brubaker Farms</i>  |             |
| WRAP UP .....   | 3:15-3:30   |
| RETURN TO FARM AND HOME CENTER .....  | 3:30        |

## Day 2: How Water Quality Benefits from Agriculture:

Cleaner Streams in Lancaster County -  
Everyone's Responsibility

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Bird-in-Hand Restaurant, Conference Room

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| REGISTRATION .....   | 8:30-9:00   |
| WELCOME .....  | 9:00-9:20   |
| PLANNING COMMISSION PERSPECTIVE .....  | 9:20-9:40   |
| <i>James Cowhey, Lancaster County Planning Commission<br/>Mary Gattis, Lancaster County Planning Commission</i>  |             |
| CONESTOGA RIVER WATERSHED TMDL .....   | 9:40-10:10  |
| <i>Andy Gavin, Susquehanna River Basin Commission<br/>Bill Brown, PA Department of Environmental Protection</i>  |             |
| CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED TMDL  | 10:10-10:30 |
| <i>Jennifer Sincoc, EPA Region III<br/>Matt Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, PA Office</i>  |             |
| TMDL Q&A .....   | 10:30-10:40 |
| <i>Andy Gavin, Susquehanna River Basin Commission<br/>Bill Brown, PA Department of Environmental Protection<br/>Jennifer Sincoc, EPA Region III<br/>Matt Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, PA Office</i> |             |
| BREAK.....   | 10:40-10:55 |
| WATER QUALITY: LOCAL COMPLIANCE ISSUES... ..   | 10:55-11:05 |
| <i>Don McNutt, Lancaster Co. Conservation District</i>   |             |
| COMPLIANCE OPTIONS AND TRADING PROGRAMS .....  | 11:05-11:25 |
| <i>Peter Hughes, Red Barn Consulting<br/>Jack Phillips, Building Industry Association of Lancaster</i>   |             |
| TMDLs AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS... ..  | 11:25-12:00 |
| <i>Mike Kyle, Lancaster Area Sewer Authority<br/>Jay Snyder, Ephrata Borough<br/>Cindy Zawrotuk, ARRO Engineering and Environmental Consultants</i>  |             |
| LUNCH BUFFET .....   | Noon-1:00   |
| DEPART FOR ESH FARM .....  | 1:00        |
| TOUR OF ESH FARM AND LOCAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.....  | 1:15-2:45   |
| <i>MILLCREEK PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION<br/>Merv Esh, Farmer<br/>John Smucker, Bird-in-Hand Restaurant</i>   |             |
| WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS .....   |             |
| <i>Matt Kofroth, Lancaster County Conservation District</i>  |             |
| WRAP UP .....  | 2:45-3:00   |
| RETURN TO BIRD-IN-HAND RESTAURANT .....  | 3:00        |

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

•Registration includes morning light fare, lunch, and transportation to afternoon destinations.

•Please complete a separate registration form for each person registering for the event.

- \$25 Day 1, October 20, 2009  
Farm and Home Center
- \$25 Day 2, October 21, 2009  
Bird-In-Hand Restaurant
- \$40 Both Days

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RSVP BY: Monday, October 12, 2009

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: County of Lancaster

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