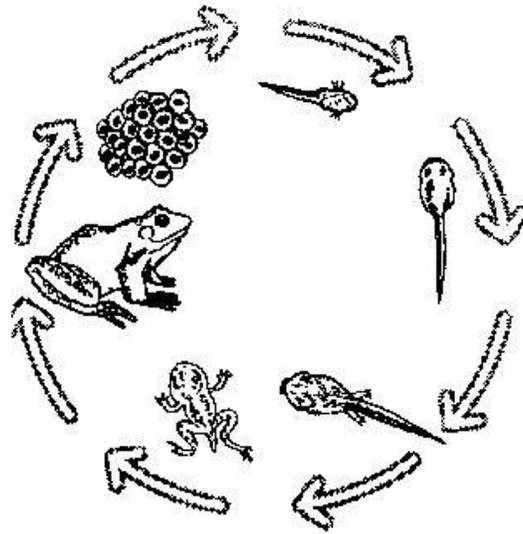


Conservation District at 2014 AG Dairy Days

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) was invited to the AG Dairy Days held on May 16 through 18, 2014 on Old Colony Road near Selinsgrove, PA. The SCCD had two displays at the Kids Activity Tent on Friday, May 16 in which kids and their parents learned about amphibians and the importance of fly maggots as natural decomposers.



Craig Bingman, SCCD District Manager, brought newts and tadpoles (immature frogs and toads) along for the visiting children and adults to view. He emphasized on the importance of amphibians and the potential dangers they face.

Over the years, SCCD have given presentations and demonstrations to home school students, agriculture students in the Selinsgrove Area High School, public gatherings, 4-Hers, boy scouts and Young Farmers, other civic groups and the general public in Snyder County. Topics ranged from water quality, soil erosion formation and prevention, watershed protection, water conservation, nutrient and manure management and energy conservation.

If your school or organization would like the Conservation District to give a presentation, please contact the [Conservation District](#) at 570-837-3000.





Renee Swineford, SCCD Administrative Assistant (not shown in the above photos) hosted an activity in which children, youth and adults got the chance to paint with fly maggots. Maggots are the larval stage of flies such as the common house fly. Fly maggots hatch from eggs, crawl, grow and eat decomposing matter and similar items, encase themselves in pupae cases (similar to what caterpillars do to form cocoons before becoming butterflies and moths) and then transform into winged adult flies. (Pictures from the 2013 event.)

This is the second time AG Dairy Days was held at the Old Colony Road site in conjunction with the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association's Spring Show. AG Dairy Days combines the promotion of local agriculture with the SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant.

The Middlecreek Valley Antique Association typically has two shows each year and has a rental agreement from the SCCD. SCCD manages the land owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that was formally part of the PA Department of Public Welfare's Selinsgrove Center.

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