

Farmer's Winter Meeting Held near Selinsgrove

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) held another Farmer's Winter Meeting on Friday, February 12, 2016, at the Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road near Selinsgrove. Major sponsors were Ag Choice Farm Credit, Country View Family Farms, Doebler's, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, Paradise Energy Solutions, RHP Law Group, LLP, Sholley Agency, Sunbury Motors Company, Valley Ag & Turf and Vandine Insurance Shoppe.

Approximately one hundred ten (110) people attended the meeting. Topics presented during the meeting include the following:

- Potential changes effecting the agricultural community in relation related to the Chesapeake Bay
- Solar power possibilities on your farm
- Herbicide resistant weeds and new choices in weed control
- USDA-NRCS and Conservation District updates, services and programs
- Woodland management on farms
- Thinking of alternative agricultural enterprises
- Sprayer clean-up and nozzle selection

Speakers came from Lenape Solar of Sunbury, PA, SCCD, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), American Bird Conservancy, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), DCNR-Bureau of Forestry and Penn State Extension (PSE).



During the meeting there was a split session in which participants had the choice in attending one of two presentations. They could hear either (above left, standing) John Portzline, Assistant District Forester, Bald Eagle Forest, PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry talk about woodland management on farms or (above right, standing) Norm Conrad, Northeast Regional Office Director, ATTRA-NCAT based in Forty Fort, PA, discuss options and how to research on possible alternative agricultural enterprises.



Attendees paid \$5.00 to attend the event. Participants were able to receive pesticide credits through the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA). Vendors representing various businesses and organizations were also present. Snyder County Commissioner Joe Kantz and State Representatives Fred Keller (85th District) and Lynda Schlegel Culver (108th District) spoke briefly to the group.



Above Left: Joel Imgrund, Horticulture Extension Program Assistant, Penn State Extension, Mifflinburg Office, reminds farmers about sprayer cleanup. Above Right and Below Left: Meeting attendees visits vendors' displays during the meeting. Below Right: Justin Charles, Vice President, Lenape Solar, LLC, Sunbury, PA, gives a presentation about solar power, how the technology works, what they offer and available financial assistance available.



Above Left: Teri Nehls, NRCS District Conservationist, Middleburg Field Office, explains some of their programs for farmers. Above Right: Meeting attendees and vendors in the main meeting room.

Questions or comments about this meeting should be forwarded to [Barry Spangler](#), Agricultural Conservation Technician, at 570-837-3000, extension 118.

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Public agencies participating in the meeting do not indicate any endorsement of any business, advice or products mentioned during the meeting.

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