

Farmer's Winter Meeting Held near Selinsgrove

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) its annual Farmer's Winter Meeting on Friday, February 17, 2017, at the Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road near Selinsgrove. Major sponsors were AgChoice Farm Credit, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, L & M Seed Dealership, Doebler's, Rosetree Consulting, RHP Law Group, LLC and Susquehanna Valley Veterinary.

Approximately ninety (90) people attended the meeting. Topics presented during the meeting include the following: Crop insurance, manure storage and handling safety, Conservation District and U.S. Department of Agriculture updates, and agricultural conservation practices. There was also information about GMO crops, pesticide resistance, new herbicide products and soybean production hints.

Guest speakers came from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA), Penn State Departments of Agriculture Economics, Sociology & Education and Animal Science and Penn State Extension (PSE) office in Mifflinburg and Lebanon.



Left: Dr. Jason Harper, Professor of Ag. Economics, Penn State Dept. of Ag. Economics, Sociology & Education, speaks to the group about crop insurance. Right: Robb Meinen, Sr. Extension Associate, Penn State Dept. of Animal Science, give a talk about safety while agitating, pumping, storing and handling manure.

Attendees paid \$5.00 to attend the event. Participants were able to receive pesticide, nutrient management and manure hauler/broker credits through the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA). Vendors representing various businesses and organizations were also present at various rooms before and during the meeting.





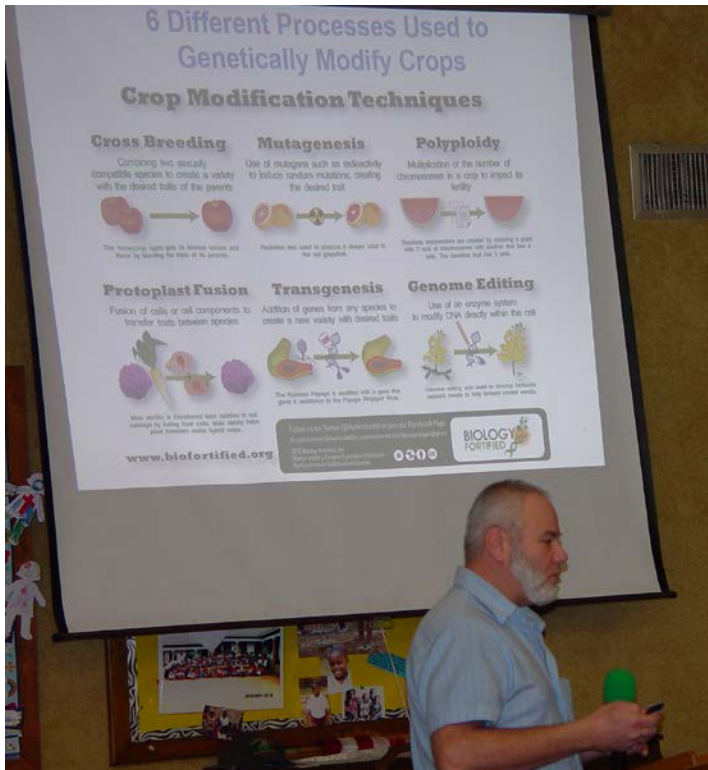
Left: Diane Lloyd, FSA Program Technician, Snyder-Union Office, gives a presentation on current FSA programs and opportunities for farmers. Above: Jill Weaver, Supervisory District Conservationist, NRCS Lewisburg Field Office, talks about the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) available for farmers from NRCS. Below Left: Delbert G. Voight, Agronomy Extension Educator, Penn State Extension, Lebanon Office, relays information to attendees regarding new agronomic herbicides and how top soybean grower achieved high yields in 2016.



AgChoice Farm Credit of Lewisburg, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust in Shamokin Dam and Mifflinburg, L & M Seed Dealership of Middleburg, Doebler's headquartered in Williamsport, Rosetree Consulting based in Shillington, RHP Law, LLC of Selinsgrove, and Susquehanna Valley Veterinary housed in Paxinos, businesses that serve farmers and citizens of Pennsylvania.

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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Above Left: Joel Imgrund, Horticulture & Agriculture Extension Program Assistant, Penn State Extension, Mifflinburg Office, talks about genetically modified organism (GMOs), specifically plants, as integrated pest management (IPM) tools. Above Right: Shane Eia, NRCS Civil Engineering Technician, NRCS Middleburg Field Office, talks about NRCS recommended manure and agricultural waste product warning signs. Below: Barry Spangler, SCCD Ag. Conservation Technician, talks about agricultural plans needed for PA environmental compliance.



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

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