

### **Farmer's Winter Meeting Held near Selinsgrove**

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) its annual Farmer's Winter Meeting on Friday, February 16, 2018, at the Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road near Selinsgrove. Major sponsors were AgChoice Farm Credit, Valley Ag & Turf, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, Hoover Tractor, Fulton Bank, Doebler's and Renewable Energy Consultants.

One hundred two (102) people attended the meeting. Topics presented during the meeting include the following: Preventing fly problems due to manure, Proper mortality composting and Stress management, and Conservation District & U.S. Department of Agriculture updates. There was also information about safely using pesticides while protecting pollinators or preventing drift, proper site analysis and pest management updates.

Guest speakers came from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA), PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program, Evangelical Community & Wellness, Penn State Department of Animal Science and Penn State Extension (PSE).



*Left: Beth Futrick, Agricultural Ombudsman, PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program, speaks to the group about how to manage flies around the farm and how to prevent problems. Right: Deana Carson, Health Educator, Evangelical Community & Wellness, give a talk about how to manage stress.*

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.

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

*AgChoice Farm Credit of Lewisburg, Valley Ag & Turf of Watsonstown, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust headquartered in Mifflinburg, Hoover Tractor of Mifflinburg, Fulton Bank's State College office, Doebler's headquartered in Williamsport, and Renewable Energy Consultants of Beavertown, are 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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