

Farmer's Winter Meeting Held near Selinsgrove

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) held its annual Farmer's Winter Meeting on Friday, February 15, 2019, at the Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road near Selinsgrove. Major sponsors were AgChoice Farm Credit, Perdue AgriBusiness Grain, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, Hoover Tractor, Sunbury Motors, Seed Consultants, Inc. and Kantz & Steininger Committee.

Guest speakers came from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA), Centre County Conservation District (CCCD), PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Penn State Department of Entomology and Penn State Extension (PSE).

One hundred five (105) people attended the meeting. Topics presented during the meeting include the following: Attracting pollinators to help your farm, cover crops and no-till for improving soil biology, DEP's perspective on agricultural compliance, the how's and why's of soil testing, and Conservation District & U.S. Department of Agriculture updates. There was also information about pesticide safety, adjuvants & surfactants, integrated pest management (IPM) for slug control and managing corn ear rots & mycotoxins.



Above: Vendors are introduced to the participants at the beginning of the meeting. Below Left: Jaci Kerstetter, DEP Conservation District Field Representative (right) speaks about agricultural compliance while Keri Bechdel, DEP Waterway Quality Specialist, looks on. Below Right: Joel Imgrund, Penn State Extension Agriculture/Horticulture Program Assistant, discusses how to prevent poisoning via by pesticide exposure.



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.

Above Left: Daina Beckstrand, CCCD Nutrient Management Technician, gives a talk about attracting beneficial pollinators. Above Right: Melissa Erdman, NRCS District Conservationist, Juniata County, shows a video of soil organisms that help our soils. Below Left: Brandon Ford, NRCS District Conservationist, Snyder County gives a presentation on NRCS programs while Katy Lewis, Pheasant Forever Farm Bill Biologist looks on. Below Right: Anna Busch, Penn State Extension Field & Forage Crops Educator, talks about the importance of soil testing.



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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.

All USDA, Penn State and Conservation District programs and services are offered on a non-discrimination basis.

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