

Conserving Natural Resources for Our Future

Farmers Winter Meeting Held outside Selinsgrove

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD, Conservation District) held its annual Farmers Winter Meeting on Friday, February 18, 2022, Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road, outside of Selinsgrove.

Agricultural and engineering consultants, an agricultural ombudsman, state and federal staff members, and Penn State Extension (PSE) educators gave their presentations either in person or via recording.

Seventy-five (75) people attended the meeting. Topics presented during the meeting were as follows:

- "Dealing with High Fertility Prices Using 4R Nutrient Stewardship" from Eric Rosenbaum, Senior Agronomist, Rosetree Consulting, LLC of Shillington, PA (*Bottom left photo, standing*)
- Importance of agricultural records from John Flanders, Crop Consultant, Upper Susquehanna Crop Management Association of central PA (*Bottom right photo, standing*)
- Being a good neighbor from Beth Futrick, Agricultural Ombudsman, PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program, housed at the Blair County Conservation District, Hollidaysburg, PA
- PA woodland and USDA program updates from Jeff Osborne, Service Forester, PA Bureau of Forestry, Bald Eagle State Forest District, Laurelton, PA; Brandon Ford, District Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Middleburg Field Office; and Deric Horting, County Extension Director, USDA-Farm Service Agency, Snyder/Union & Clinton/Centre County Offices
- Snyder County's Action Plan and how it can help agriculture by Joshua Satteson and Jordan Baker, Herbet, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. of Lewisburg
- Penn State Extension educators Anna Hodgson (Field & Forage Crops, Mifflinburg) and Dave Hartman (Livestock, Montoursville) discussed how to talk to your neighbors about pesticide use, reminded attendees about pesticide safety, weed management in forages and how to identify and manage palmar amaranth and water hemp.





Attendees paid \$5.00 to attend the event. Participants were able to receive pesticide and nutrient management credits through the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA). Local businesses advertised their services in a printed program given to attendees.



Above and Below: Attendees listen to one of the presentations during the meeting.



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Questions or comments about this meeting may be forwarded to <u>Barry Spangler</u>, Agricultural Conservation Technician, at 570-837-3000, extension 5 or <u>agtech@snydercd.org</u>.

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