

Agriculture Update Provided by Local Farm Bureau, Farmers



This week, I attended a meeting of the Lebanon County Farm Bureau, hosted by Brent and Stacy Koppenhaver at their Talview Dairy in South Anville Township. These meetings provide state lawmakers like me and Sen. Chris Gebhard with a

tremendous opportunity to interact with the Farm Bureau and area farmers and learn about their issues and concerns. This knowledge helps us to determine what legislative remedies may exist to help them. These meetings remind me just how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated and hardworking agricultural community in our county and across the state.

Committee Examines Impact of Inflation on PA Agriculture



[*Watch Video Here*](#)

This week, the House Majority Policy Committee held a public hearing in Lancaster County to gather input from local farmers and food producers on the impact inflation is having on their businesses and the broader agriculture community. I recognize the enormous pressure our statewide agriculture community is under with the skyrocketing costs of fuel, feed, fertilizer, labor, and equipment. Rising costs make it difficult for farmers to make ends meet and their burden is having a direct impact on Pennsylvania families at the grocery store. Those testifying at the hearing came from different segments of the agriculture industry, but all are being impacted in similar ways. Food security is so critical, yet few of us take the time to consider where our food is coming from and what it takes to grow, harvest, process and deliver it. Inflation is a direct threat to food security. The testimony gathered at this week's policy committee hearing will provide insight that will help us develop statewide policies to address the impact of inflation on our agriculture industry and consumers. To watch the hearing click the video box above.

Apply Now for Ag and Youth Grant

The Department of Agriculture is inviting proposals for this year's Ag and Youth Grant Program. The program provides direct grants of up to \$7,500 and matching grants of up to \$25,000 to support projects, programs and equipment purchases by youth-run organizations, and those with programs that benefit youth or promote development in agriculture, community leadership, vocational training, and peer fellowship. The grant program was created by the Legislature in 2019.

Additional information about the program [is available here](#). Grant applications must be submitted online through the [PA Department of Community and Economic Development Electronic Single Application](#). Applications are due by 4:59 p.m. on Sept. 30.



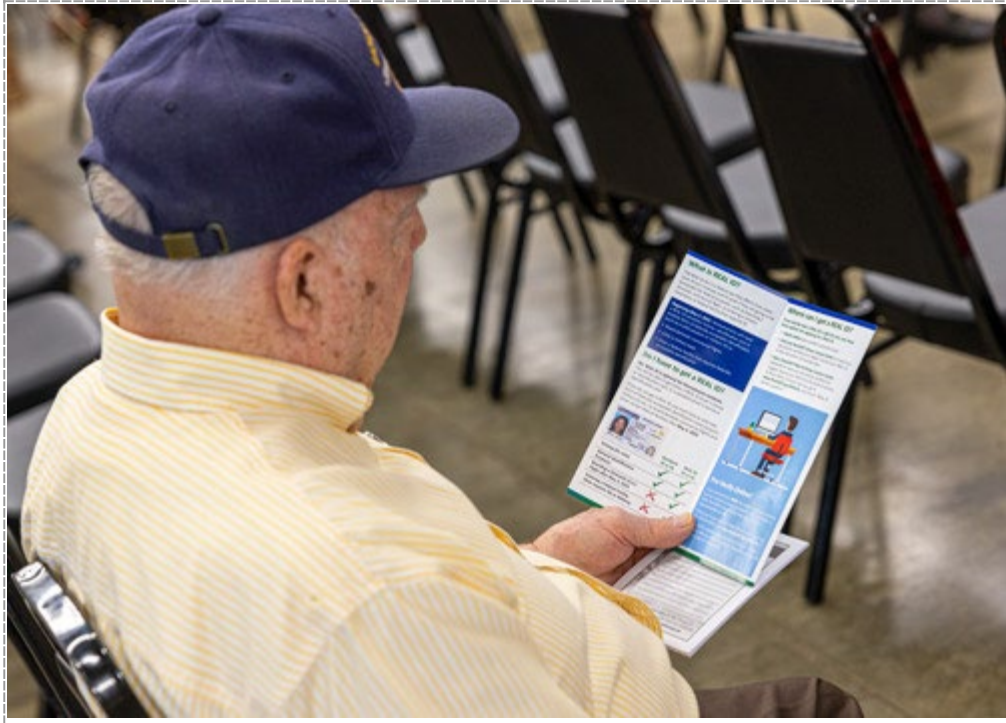
Mark Your Calendar for Second Amendment Rally



I am pictured speaking at the Second Amendment Rally at the state Capitol in 2020.

The Rally to Protect Your Right to Keep and Bear Arms will be held on Monday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. on the front steps of the [state Capitol building in Harrisburg](#). This is an event I look forward to attending each year. It's encouraging to see so many people united in their mission to protect this important and revered constitutional right. Please join us in making sure our voices are heard. This event will be held rain or shine. I look forward to seeing you there!

Do You Have REAL ID?



Just a couple of weeks ago, I held a REAL ID seminar in our area with Lebanon County Sen. Chris Gebhard and Rep. Russ Diamond. Now the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is again reminding residents that enforcement of the federal REAL ID Act will begin May 3, 2023. As of that date, you will have to present a federally accepted form of identification to board a commercial domestic flight or visit a secure federal building that requires ID at the door. In addition to a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, other federally accepted forms of identification include a U.S. Passport or Passport card or a military ID. It is not mandatory that you possess a REAL ID. PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs. To learn more about REAL ID and how to obtain one, visit [penndot.gov/REALID](https://www.penndot.gov/REALID).