



Solanco Young Farmers
585 Solanco Road
Quarryville, PA 17566
February 11, 2010

Pesticide Credit Updates

Thursday, February 16, 9:30AM- Noon, 7-9 PM
Hoffman Bldg, Solanco Fairgrounds, Quarryville

Once again, this will be two different meetings; each meeting will give you 2 + 2 credits. Please pay 3 dollars at the door. In the morning, Dr William Curran, PSU Weed Specialist, will cover “What’s new in herbicides and Insecticides” and “Weed Control in my No-till”. John Rowehl, PSU Extension, Will address the questions of “Long term effects of pesticides”. Jeff Graybill, PSU Extension, will share some of the “Production Practices of PA’s Top Corn Producers”. We also will hear brief updates from Dennis Eby, Conservation District, Lamonte Garber, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, new government regulations, and the always important farm pesticide safety items with Kay Moyer, PSU Farm Safety Nurse. Also quite a few local exhibitors will be on hand to answer your other questions.

On the evening program, John Rowehl will share his thoughts on “Improving your Corn Pesticides Control” and “Long term effects of pesticides”. Jeff Graybill will give you updates on “Premature Orchardgrass thinning and other forage facts”. His core credit presentation is “Sprayer Calibration”. Not a bad thing to learn and improve, especially with the high priced chemicals and the ever-smaller amounts of active ingredients. Also on the program will be Dennis Eby sharing the Conservation District viewpoints about helping you continue to improve your best management practices. Lamonte Garber will share his thoughts on the new regulations coming from the government about reducing pollution into the Chesapeake Bay. Farm Chemical Safety is always an important part of your everyday farm routine so Kay Moyer will give you more helpful tips and ideas to prevent accidents. A big thank you goes to the all the exhibitors who provide their time to answer your questions.

FFA FarmSafe Mapping

Tuesday, February 23, 7:30 pm
Solanco High School room 156 (lower level)

You and your family are invited to a special meeting for farmers and local emergency service providers such as firefighters and paramedics to hear about a new program. This involves the local FFA students, the Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access Center (PASDA) and you the landowner. PASDA is a unique organization supported by Penn State University designed to help local citizens. This particular program titled FFA FarmSafe Mapping involves the identification and location on the farm of various materials of interest to first-responders arriving on the scene of an emergency. In short, FFA students will map out the buildings, hazards such as fuel tanks, pesticides, fertilizers, electrical shutoffs, and other necessary information. This critical information will ONLY be available to Fire Company, police and EMT personnel arriving on the scene and will be enormously useful in that it will allow them to strategize their response to the emergency in a manner that enhances the safety of all concerned.

Mr. Bob Neiderer of PASDA will demonstrate the technology used to develop these special farm maps and share examples of the finished product. The intent of inviting the local area first-responders is two-fold: first to gauge their perceptions of the value of the program and secondly, to help build support and awareness among local farmers and especially amongst the “plain-sect farmers in this area. We want to make every effort to inform the community of this valuable resource and hoping you will share this with others. *Continued on other side*

These maps will be for your benefit only, not to be shared with outsiders except those first responders to an emergency on your farm. If there is a favorable outlook, then training can begin with the FFA students and advisors to understand the technology and proper procedures. There will be no cost to the landowner for this safety program. We can only help if you request it. So come to this meeting and ask questions and share your thoughts on how to reduce the risks of potential hazards on your own farm. I think by seeing these maps and thinking about all the possibilities, it will be a win-win situation for everyone.

FFA Week is February 22-27 and you invited to a wonderful breakfast at the Solanco High School's Ag Wing (lower level) on Thursday morning 6-8 am, Feb 25. The FFA students will be cooking and serving delicious local eggs, sausages, pancakes etc; donations are accepted for the local food bank.

Annual **Solanco Young Farmer Banquet** will be on Thursday March 25, 7 pm in the Quarryville Memorial United Methodist Church. More details will be coming in the March newsletter. We are looking for nominations for "Outstanding Young Farmer under 30, over 30, community Service and President-elect. Don't be shy; nominate your neighbor, your spouse or your parents or children.

Here is an interesting and timely event happening not too far from here:

KEEP FARMING FIRST'10

Saturday, March 6 • Octorara Area High School 9-3 pm

This year's theme is "Agriculture in the Community: Its Value to the Local Economy". This theme will be highlighted in a keynote by Dr. Tim Kelsey of Penn State, a panel presentation following the keynote and breakout session sessions in the afternoon. Keeping Farming First's 2010 program will explore the positive economic impacts of agriculture. Senator Michael Brubaker will comment on the essential importance of the farmers' economy and the commitment to farmland preservation. There will be professional panelists and stimulating breakouts throughout the day. Realizing that farmers are rarely deterred by the weather, the summit will go on – no snow date scheduled. Please call 610-925-0900 or by e-mail contact info@cc2020.org Keep Farming First has been planned by farmers, for farmers. Registration cost is 30.00 for the whole day. There will be lots of interesting breakout sessions and great local food. Welcome is at 9 am, keynote speaker 9:30-10:30 followed by a panel discussion. Afternoon breakout sessions from 1:30- 2:30pm

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A Young Farmer is any farmer willing to learn and try something new

