

Farm Chatter



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Winter Farmers Meeting

February 27, 2026

11:30-4PM

McKean County 911 Center



Please contact Sarah Carlson, Resource Technician, at 814-887-4017 or SLCarlson@mckeancountypa.gov to register

11:30AM—Registration and Lunch

12:00PM—Protecting Aquatic Resources While Using Pesticides

12:30PM—Best Ways to Manage Stubborn Weeds in Crop Fields and Pastures/Hayfields

1:30 PM—Don't Risk it: Record Weather Before you Spray

2:00PM—Pasture Evaluation and Management

2:30PM—NRCS Updates

3:15—Manure/Nutrient Management—MCCD

Speakers: Travis Wingard, Dwight Lingenfelter, Nicole Thompson, Guojie Wang

Current ACAP Round is open until March 31st



Pictured above is the recently completed HUA/manure storage (left) that was completed at Andy Barr's operation as an ACAP project

- Please contact Adam Causer (814-887-4003 or ACCauser@mckeancountypa.gov) to schedule a site visit and learn more about the program.
- Required plans include either a Manure or Nutrient Management plan and either an Ag E&S or Conservation plan).
- 2026 applications rounds will be quarterly.
- Animal Concentration Areas must be addressed in application.

Cover Crop Workshop held in October

On October 16, 2025, the District partnered with King's AgriSeeds Inc to hold a workshop focused on cover crops. The day started with David Hunsberger leading a discussion in the classroom allowing participants to ask any questions they had. Topics covered included cover crop selection, benefits, and management.

Following the David's discussion, participants headed to the field down back where Jeff Larson demonstrated using the no-till drill to plant three different seed mixes. Participants compared the different seeds as they were planted and discussed potential benefits of each.

