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Setting & Exceeding Benchmarks for Soil Health



By Franklin Egan

Soil health is the foundation of productivity and profitability on any farm. While most farms regularly test their soils, it can be challenging to put results in a meaningful context. For instance, how do you understand what a "good" soil test result is for your farm, and how do you develop a practical strategy for improving soil health over the long term?

Last summer, the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) began working with organic vegetable farmers to help answer these questions and... [Read more...](#)

Upcoming PASA Events

Pastured Livestock Research Group: Boosting Land and Feed Efficiency

Wyebrook Farm
Honey Brook [Chester Co]
Wednesday, August 30

This free workshop will explore current and future project ideas for PASA's pastured-livestock research group. Franklin Egan (PASA) will share insights from 2017 research on the land and feed conversion efficiencies of PASA livestock farms, exploring opportunities to boost productivity and profitability. Participants are encouraged to bring ideas for new research

questions and projects they'd like to collaboratively explore. Brooks Miller (North Mountain Pastures) will also give a quick introduction on FarmOS, a free and powerful tool for organizing farm records and planning for the future. Bring your laptop and start using FarmOS today.



All experienced pastured livestock farmers are encouraged to attend.

[Click here to register.](#)

Last Chance:

5th Annual Dairy Dash 5K & 1-Mile Memory Walk

Lambs Creek Recreation Area, Mansfield [Tioga Co]
Saturday, September 2

There's a 3.1-mile and a 1-mile loop so the whole family can join in the fun. Reward yourself with Milky Way Farm's delicious chocolate milk after you cross the finish line!

[Click here to register.](#)

Can't make it to the event? Consider making a donation to the **Shon Seeley Legacy Fund for Sustainable Farming Education**. [Learn more about the fund here.](#)



In Other PASA News

Art on the Farm

Dickinson College Farm, Boiling Springs [Cumberland Co]
Saturday, September 16

Join PASA and Carlisle Arts Learning Center for a beautiful evening of food and fun. Meander through the farm and watch artists create while enjoying live music and local food. Then share in dinner and a live auction under the tent. [Click here to learn more.](#)

PASA Community Board

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Soil Health Conference:

Scholarships for Farmers

Spiral Path Farm, Loysville [Perry Co]
Thursday, September 28



Thanks to the generous support of **Tuscarora Organic Growers Cooperative** and the **Shon Seeley Legacy Fund for Sustainable Farming Education**, PASA is able to offer financial assistance for *all farmers*. If you would benefit from learning more about soil health, consider applying for a scholarship— whether you're a beginning farmer or well established, improving your soil is always a good priority.

Approved scholarship recipients attend the Soil Health Conference at no charge. Lunch is included. [Click here to apply.](#)

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