



Pennsylvania
Association for
Sustainable Agriculture

From Farm Manager to App Creator: Meet the Farmer Doing it All



Alex Smith at Living Hope Farm

By Christina Kostelecky

One of the many joys of working for PASA is getting the chance to personally connect with our farmer members. There is such diversity among our farmers that I never know with whom I'll be speaking from one day to the next. When we recently launched the PASA Organization and Individual Profiles, it gave me yet another chance to learn, in depth, about some of the members who make our organization great. One of the first farmers to complete the Organization Profile was **Alex Smith**, who as farm manager at **Living Hope Farm** and developer of the farm app **BeetClock**, actually filled out two profiles. I was lucky enough to speak with him...

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PASA Profiles: Making Connections with the PASA Community

PASA is excited to announce our brand new PASA Profiles. The profiles help PASA capture key information about organizations and individuals within the PASA community. With this information we'll be able to better connect you with each other.

We're collecting information specific to organizations and farms. Whether you're a restaurant looking for new sources, a butcher shop doing custom cuts, a non-profit assisting the community in finding local foods, or a landscaping business that specializes in native plants-- there's an application for this data for every type of business.

We've also created individual profiles so that we better understand our members and supporters. We can use this information when building programming and to improve our communications with you.

The profiles generally take less than 10 minutes to complete and can be updated at any time. If you have questions about the profiles, reply to this email or contact Christina Kostelecky at (814) 349-9856 x10.

If you're a primary contact at a farm or agriculture-related business or organization, [click here to complete a PASA Organization Profile](#).

If you're an individual, [click here to complete a PASA](#)



Call Christina to Complete Your PASA Profile

Individual Profile.

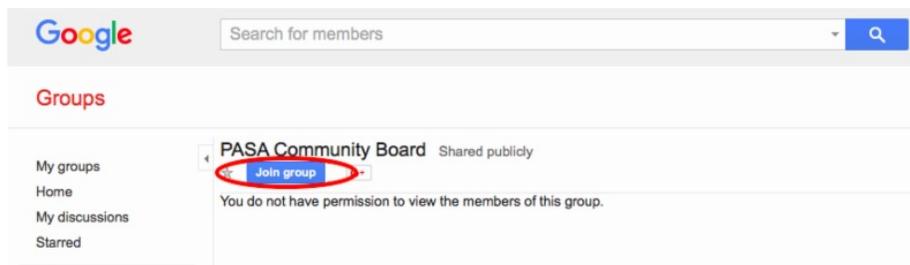
Thanks for helping PASA better connect our community!
~Christina Kostelecky

P.S. There is even a prize for participating! Each person who completes a profile will be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$25 gift card to the place of their choosing.

New! PASA Community Board

PASA just launched an improved way to connect with others in the PASA community. We're transitioning away from our regional and topical Yahoo Groups toward a more user-friendly state-wide Google Group called PASA Community Board.

The new platform will make it easier than ever for you to stay connected with the people and topics that matter to you. Below are instructions for joining the group. If you don't already have a google account, you may need to create one.



1. [Click here to go to the PASA Community Board.](#)
2. Click "Join Group". Check your settings and you're ready to start posting and replying to posts.

Prefer to see the instructions in action? [Click here to see a quick YouTube How-To video by PASA.](#) Finally, you can reply to this email with your name and email address and we can directly add you to the group.

If you have any questions, please call (814) 349-9856 or reply to this email and we'll be happy to help. Happy posting!



Live in the Millheim area and interested in volunteering for PASA?

It's the time of year where PASA sorts through old documents and needs to shred several boxes worth. We'd love someone who's available to come to PASA Headquarters two or three times for a morning or afternoon each time. If you're interested, please [contact Christina Kostelecky.](#)

Upcoming PASA Events

Closed-Loop Systems on the Diversified Farmstead

Far Away Farms, Honesdale [Wayne Co]
Saturday, July 29

Join Dave and Anita Avvisato on their 15 acres this Saturday to see how they grew from a small vegetable garden to the highly diversified farm they are today.

Exchange ideas and hear how Dave's full time job is Far Away Farms. Registration closes tomorrow at noon. Lunch, included in registration fees, will be provided by Far Away Farms.

[Click here to learn to achieve your small farm dream.](#)



Summer Annuals in the Grazing Mix

**Little Crick Farm, Stevensville [Bradford Co]
Tuesday, August 1**

Join PASA and dairy farmer John Meglich at his Little Crick Farm on Tuesday, August 1, for a tour of John's 100% grass-fed, certified organic dairy farm. John will focus on his use of summer annuals in his grazing system, especially the use of corn. John has been experimenting with grazing corn for years and has developed both no-till and conventional tillage systems for incorporating this high tonnage forage into his grazing regime. Challenges and benefits of these techniques will be explored, and this year's early plantings will be assessed. John will also touch on his use of oats, cow peas, and turnips in his grazing mix. The tour will conclude with a free BBQ lunch at the farmhouse.



This is an excellent event for the experience grazier, as well as the beginner and those curious. [Click here to explore Little Crick Farm.](#)

More Upcoming Events!

Click the titles to learn more about each event.

Aug 9 [CRAFT High Tunnel Tomatoes](#)

Two Gander Farm
Downingtown, PA

Aug 15 [Grazing Beef, Grazing Dairy](#)

Salem Mountain Farm
Waymart, PA

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