



Pennsylvania
Association for
Sustainable Agriculture

Nominate Your Favorite Sustainable Ag Leaders



Kimberton Whole Foods, Sponsors of PASA Abilities Award Series

Each year at PASA's Annual Farming for the Future Conference, the **Sustainable Ag Leadership Award** is presented to an individual or couple who contributed to the vision of sustainable agriculture.

We also proudly present the **Sustainable Ag Business Leadership Award** to an organization promoting and leading the sustainable agriculture movement in our community.

[Click here to nominate your favorite sustainable ag leader today!](#)

Upcoming PASA Events

High Tunnel Production Basics & Biointensive Tomato Production

Wednesday, December 13

and/or

Thursday, December 14

Penn State Extension Mercer County
Mercer, PA (Mercer Co.)

High Tunnel Production Basics

Day 1 covers all of the basic topics for building and managing high tunnels, including:

- Site and construction considerations
- Monitoring and managing soils in high tunnels
- Water quality and its impact on plant growth and plant protection
- Managing the growing environment
- Implementing an IPM system in high tunnels
- Marketing strategies and marketing niches
- Food safety

Bio-intensive Tomato Production

On Day 2, we drill down into the specifics of growing the most popular high tunnel crop, tomatoes, using the latest bio-intensive practices, including:



- Tomato cultivars for the high tunnel grower
- Tomato production: fertilization, nutrient management, pruning and training, and pollination
- Using biological organisms to manage insects and mites
- Using bio-fungicides and bio-insecticides in high tunnels
- Post-harvest handling of tomatoes

Participants can choose to attend either or both days. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

In Other PASA News

5th Annual Dairy Dash - A Runaway Success!

PASA is pleased to express our deepest appreciation for all the Sponsors and supporters of the [5th Annual Dairy Dash 5K and 1-Mile Memory Walk](#) held on Labor Day weekend in Mansfield, Tioga County. Our goal of establishing this great outdoor activity as an annual community event to raise funds and awareness for the [Shon Seeley Legacy Fund for Sustainable Farming Education](#) has been a success and we look forward to continuing the tradition. We are extremely proud to announce that we raised over \$10K for the Legacy Fund from this year's event! [We've posted photographs of the event here](#) - enjoy!



Farm to Institution Wholesaling Workshop

Wednesday, December 6
9am-4pm
Harrisburg, PA (Dauphin Co.)

Interested in selling to schools, but having a hard time knowing if it's right for your farm from a business perspective?

FARM TO INSTITUTION WHOLESALING WORKSHOP
 PRESENTED BY PA PREFERRED™ AND THE PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

APPLY ONLINE: [HTTPS://PAPREFERRED.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/WHOLESALING-WORKSHOP/](https://papreferred.wufoo.com/forms/wholesaling-workshop/)

WORKSHOP | DECEMBER 6 | 9AM-4PM
 FARM SHOW COMPLEX | HARRISBURG, PA



During the December workshop, we will work directly with you to assess whether your farm is right for sales to schools. This is your chance for hands-on assistance with determining the financial feasibility for your farm to develop sales to institutions - directly or through an intermediary or hub. Our goal is to have you leave this workshop knowing exactly how to determine if farm to school wholesale is a good fit for your business, and if yes, how to successfully develop those sales. Or if you're already selling to institutions, we'll help you determine how to approach increasing those sales.

There is an application process for acceptance into the workshop, and workshop applicants should have a business accounting system already in place. View the workshop agenda and [apply online](#).

NE SARE Farmer Grants

Deadline is December 5, 2017

Farmer grants are for farm business owners and managers who have an innovative idea they want to test using a field trial, on-farm demonstration, marketing initiative, or other technique. Projects should seek results other farmers can use and must have the potential to add to our region's knowledge about effective sustainable

practices. A narrated slide presentation provides an overview of the Farmer Grants program.

Awards are capped at \$15,000 and projects may address the wide range of issues that affect farming throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Applicants must work with a technical advisor who serves in a consulting capacity.



[Click here for more details.](#)

PA-WAgN Symposium Registration Open

**Celebration Hall
State College (Centre Co)
Wed, Dec 6, 8:30am-5pm**

This year's symposium for the PA Women's Agricultural Network (**PA-WAgN**) will focus on the power of women farmers, gardeners, organizers, activists, consumers, etc. to bring about change to make food available to all. It might be through a new production method, starting a food rescue, working as a collective or learning about how to advocate for policy change. Women work together to get things done!



- Keynote address by Leah Lizarondo of [412 Food Rescue](#) in Pittsburgh.
- Panel of food activists and rescuers.
- Break out sessions on production, business, soil and involvement.

[Click here to register for the event.](#)

Contact Patty Neiner at prn103@psu.edu for information about scholarships.

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