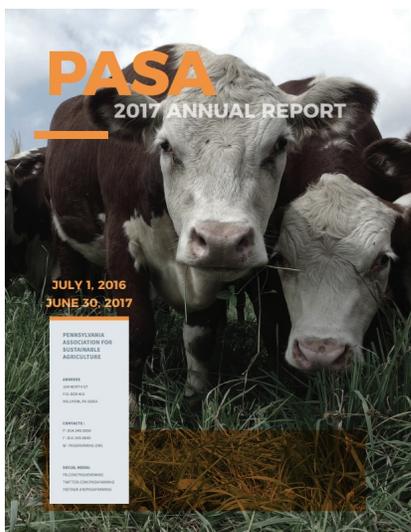




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PASA Community Impacts & Activities



Check out PASA's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

In the report you'll hear about some of the things we've accomplished this year:

- ~ Fostered personal connections across our membership **community of 6,468** farmers, business leaders, and sustainability supporters.
- ~ Coordinated **38 field days** and workshops in 20 Pennsylvania counties serving **779 people**.
- ~ Developed **formal apprenticeship programs** to train a new generation of farmers in grass-based dairy farming and diversified vegetable production.
- ~ Documented excellent soil stewardship on organic vegetable farms through our **Soil Health Benchmark Study**.

[Read the full report here!](#)

Questions about our reports and our future work? Please join us at one of our upcoming [Annual Meetings](#).

John Good on Farming and Life



By Dan Dalton

Since the summer of 2000 John and Aimee Good have been growing food for themselves and their community. They currently farm certified Organic vegetables on 18 acres in Germansville, PA in northern Lehigh County. Nearly all of their produce goes to their 200 member CSA, with the remainder going to one farmer's market as well as a few wholesale and restaurant customers. Having recently moved to a new farm site, John noted that this year "many crops, yields and quality are the best we have ever seen."

[Read more...](#)

Upcoming PASA Events

Regional Membership Meetings: Open to All!

North Central	Wednesday, Oct 11	Penn College of Technology	Lycoming Co.
Eastern	Thursday, Oct 12	Victory Brewing	Chester Co.
South Central	Wednesday, Oct 18	DCNR Center	Fulton Co.
Western	Thursday, Oct 26	Chatham Univ.	Allegheny Co.

Join us at one of our upcoming Regional Annual Membership meetings to learn more about PASA's work over the last year and where we're headed next year.

Our annual meetings are also a great way to meet PASA folks in your area. Join us at whichever location feels like home to you.

All are welcome, but a head count will be necessary for dinner. Please click the image or call PASA to RSVP.



Earn Money from Your Woods with Ginseng

Sat, Oct 14: Ginseng Production for Farm Woodlands

Shaver's Creek Nature Center
Petersburg, PA (Huntingdon Co.)

Join PASA and Shaver's Creek Nature Center to learn how to cultivate American Ginseng, a high-value medicinal crop on your farm's woodlands. Shaver's Creek Plant Science Program Director Eric Burkhart will be sharing his extensive knowledge of ginseng and his research into its cultivation.



For more information and to register, click [here](#).

In Other PASA News

Survey on the State of Meat Processing in PA

Livestock Producers Invited to Participate - Win \$250

Calling all pastured livestock producers! If you raise livestock, and use a federally inspected (USDA) processor, PASA invites you to help us study the state of meat processing in the state of Pennsylvania. We are interested in how many animals you raise annually, your satisfaction with processing, and your ability to work with your processor. PASA worked with some of our own



livestock producers to figure out what questions would help shed light on some common issues producers may have, and what services are missing from our existing processing infrastructure. The survey takes less than 20 minutes to complete, and enters the participant in a chance to win one of two \$250 gift cards to Agri-Dynamics. This information is very important to us, and we appreciate your time invested in the survey!

[Click here to take the quick survey.](#)

Small Business Advantage Grant Perfect for PASA Farms!

Looking to upgrade your lighting to be more energy efficient? Want to help prevent pollution?

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Small Business Advantage Grants offer up to \$9,500 in matching funds, enabling Pennsylvania small businesses to purchase energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or adopt waste reduction processes.



The program runs until June 30, 2018 or until funds run out. DEP is actively looking for farmers to participate before the funds are exhausted.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

NE Cover Crop Council Meeting - Registration Now Open

**Big Flats Plant Materials
Center
Corning, NY
Wednesday, November 8**

Registration is now open for the 1st annual Northeast Cover Crops Council meeting.

Please join us for talks, farmer panels, a poster session and social, and field demonstrations.

This meeting will be a great opportunity to learn about cover crop advances and network with cover crop experts from throughout the Northeast.



[Click here for more details and to register.](#)

Seeking Farms to Participate in Insurance Focus Group

PASA and National Farmers Union are partnering to provide diversified insurance for our diversified farmers. We're looking for farmers from a variety of scale, practices, and methods to participate in a focus group.

If you are interested in participating, please [reply to this email](#) and we'll reach out to you with more information.

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