



Pennsylvania
Association for
Sustainable Agriculture

Master Grazer Brian Moyer & Apprentice Joseph Moyer Approach Milestone



By Aaron de Long

Joseph Moyer grew up on a dairy farm, but he didn't work on the farm. His older brother, Jacob, eventually became a dairy farmer, but Joseph tried his hand at carpentry, instead. After a relatively brief time working in that trade, however, Joseph began to become curious about the farm and, when he became aware of the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship program, he expressed interest...

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About the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship: PASA's work with the first accredited apprenticeship in agriculture



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In late 2015, the PASA team met with the founders of the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship (DGA) to talk about a partnership. At that time, DGA was the only formalized apprenticeship in agriculture. PASA was interested in bringing this program to Pennsylvania, to help strengthen and expand a system of dairy farming that has not only proven to have economic viability, but can also be viewed as sustainable and... [Read more...](#)

Upcoming PASA Events

3rd Annual Soil Health Conference

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

Learn about the **Spiral Path** approach to nurturing soil microbial communities for better plant health, explore their aggressive and creative cover cropping schedules, and hear tips for judiciously using tillage and cultivation in an organic crop rotation.



All farmers are encouraged to attend. Scholarships are available for any current or aspiring farmer.

[Click here to see the full schedule, apply for a scholarship, and register for the conference.](#) Space is limited.

Western PA: September is your Month!

There's something for everyone in Western PA happening in September.

[Click here to see all of our partner events](#) including movie nights, music festivals, and cocktail tastings- all benefiting PASA and giving you a chance to meet your sustainable neighbors.

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In Other PASA News

National Farmers Union Presents Special Opportunity for PASA Farmers

Does figuring out insurance options for your farm give you a headache? Are you concerned that your insurance is not a reflection of the reality of your diversified farming system? Do you have any idea whether you are properly insured for things like exposure at farmers markets, loss of stored products, crop or value added product loss, life events like transitioning to the next generation or even a farm accident? Are you currently dealing with several agents or paying for membership in an organization other than PASA, simply for insurance benefits?



PASA is entering into a formal partnership with National Farmers Union to deliver a Farmers Union Insurance product developed specifically for PASA farmers...sustainable, diversified, direct-market. No other product like it exists. **Because we have consistently received feedback that our members are looking for such a product, we will be joining forces with our friends at Farmers Union to deliver.** Look for communications to be arriving soon about the package of options available and [let us know](#) if you would like to be contacted by our very own Farmers Union Insurance agent, an agent serving the interest of farmers and business owners just like you.

Recap: 5th Annual Dairy Dash

Benefits the Shon Seeley Legacy Fund

The 5th annual Dairy Dash 5K and 1 Mile Memory Walk to benefit the Shon Seeley Legacy Fund was a great success this past weekend. Congrats to first place finishers Kim Horchler and Rory McCleary pictured here, and [see all the finishers results here](#). Stay tuned for a full report and photo gallery available soon!



PASA Profiles & Two Winners

PASA is continuing to collect both Individual and Organization Profile information. Each month we select one lucky winner to receive a \$25 gift certificate to the place of their choosing. **Sarah Baxendell** of **Hilltop Alliance** and **Marlin Fultz** of **Woodward Crossings** are our first two winners. Congratulations to you both! Complete your [Organization Profile](#) or your [Individual Profile](#) and be entered to win for September.

Rotational Grazing Field Day

Hameau Farm

Belleville, PA [Centre Co]

Tuesday, September 26

Explore techniques for managing herd health, forage quality, and soil fertility on a pasture-based dairy farm. Speakers include:

- Gay Rodgers, Hameau Farm
- Bill Stidfole, NRCS
- Jessica Williamson, PSU Extension
- Franklin Egan, PASA
- Ben Walsh, West Virginia University

Lunch and farm tour to follow educational programming. This event is free and does not require pre-registration. For [more information](#) call (717) 667-3731.

Farm to Institution Wholesaling Webinar & Workshop Combo

Join PA Preferred and PDA for a hands-on business assessment. The workshop will provide tools to assess the financial viability of your business in the wholesale marketplace, with a focus on farm to school.

FARM TO INSTITUTION WHOLESALING WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY PA PREFERRED™ AND THE PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WEBINAR | SEPTEMBER 25 | 4-5PM
WORKSHOP | DECEMBER 6 | HARRISBURG, PA



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Survey on the State of Meat Processing in PA

Farmers & Processors 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.](#)

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