

VENANGO CO. BUS FARM TOUR

BEEF EDITION

Location: Venango
Conservation
District Office
Date: 4/26/2023
Time: 9AM
Facilitator: Venango Conservation
District

Schedule of Events:

8:30am-9am: Check in/Welcome

9am-9:15am: VCD Agriculture Opportunities

9:15am-9:30am: Non-Point Source Pollution

Bailey Kozalla-VCD Watershed Specialist

9:30am-10:00am: Manure Injection Application Benefits

Rob Meinen-PSU Extension Specialist in NM/MM

****10:30am BOARD THE BUS****

11am Arrive at Dan Metz-Board the Bus at 11:30am

-On the farm we will hear from the operator Dan Metz about his farming operation, where he has been, what he currently is doing, and where he is going! Dan recently received grant funds to improve some water runoff, project engineers from **NRCS** (Justin Griebel) and **PACD** (Cassie Daniels) will be onsite to explain what BMPs were install and why and what the designing and certification process look like. Plus tour his new tractor tire water troughs.

12pm Arrive at Dunkerly Family Farm-Board the Bus at 12:30pm

-On the farm we will look at current manure management and stormwater runoff practices and talk about solutions to prevent nutrient runoff. We will also talk about new program ACAP.

1pm Arrive at Dave and Lynn Mahler-Board the Bus at 1:30pm

-On the farm we will tour Dave's rotational grazing system while listening to some important management practices from **NRCS Grazing Specialist Geri Montgomery**. We will also be joined by Dale Kriner NRCS District Conservationist to talk about funding opportunities to implement the BMPs we saw though out the day.

****HEAD BACK TO THE OFFICE****

1:45pm: LUNCH-Horizon Farm Credit

2:15pm-2:45pm: Hay Production: Producing Quality Forages

JohnMark Miller-PSU Extension Educator in Pasture and Forages

2:45pm-3:15pm: Ag Safety Reminders

Ginger Fenton-PSU Extension Educator in Dairy