



PA Veteran Farming Workshop

Pleasant Lane Farms, Latrobe PA

Friday, June 12, 2020

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Agenda:

1. USDA Programs (via Zoom)

-Karen Kuhns: Rural Development VAPG grants

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Value Added Producer Grant: <https://bit.ly/2MNOF56>

-Jason Pontillo: FSA updates—storage facility loans, CFAP

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724-853-5555 ext 3895 jason.pontillo@usda.gov Find your county FSA office: <https://bit.ly/3dLK3rX>

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/price-support/facility-loans/farm-storage/>

<https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>

-Paul Shafer: NRCS Programs —EQIP, CSP

Soil Conservationist, Westmoreland/Fayette Counties paul.shaffer@usda.gov

Find your local NRCS office: <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/>

-Wendy Karrasch: NRCS Special Program Emphasis Manager Wendy.Karrasch@usda.gov

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/pa/about/outreach/sep/?cid=nracs142p2_018197

2. KIVA Pittsburgh: Emily Keebler ek@riversidecenterforinnovation.com (412) 392-7295

<https://us.kiva.org/pittsburgh/>

3. Grants 101: Jason Frye, Mimi Thomas-Brooker

4. Using business structures to your farms advantage to limit liability: Todd Frye, Devin Winklosky

5. Considerations of establishing a successful honey business: Todd Frye

6. Tour of Pleasant Lane Creamery and shop

7. Field walk of NRCS technical assistance and payment incentive program

- Large several prong buffer
- Stabilized stream crossing