

*Lancaster County Ag Week*  
*Schedule of Events and Activities*  
*October 7 – 14, 2017*  
*“Thank a Farmer”*

Saturday, September 30—Special Section on agriculture in the Lancaster Farming newspaper

Sunday, October 1—Special Section on agriculture in the Lancaster Sunday News

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Saturday, October 7— **Interactive Display** on Penn Square during **Harvest Breakfast** at Central Market

Central Market’s Harvest Breakfast is a much-anticipated annual event. This year, Ag Week will join the event with interactive displays on Penn Square. Come ready to “ask a farmer” about agriculture.

8:00 AM to Noon    23 N. Market Street Lancaster PA

No RSVP required. [www.centralmarketlancaster.com/](http://www.centralmarketlancaster.com/)

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Saturday, October 7— **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Days Festival at Landis Valley**

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A celebration of Pennsylvania Dutch Harvest traditions at Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum.

Demonstrations will include apple butter making, tavern cooking, coopering, spinning & weaving, heirloom apple tasting and more. Watch and talk with traditional craftspeople. Lots of family friendly activities including horse drawn wagon rides, lively music and great food.

11 AM to 5 PM    2451 Kissel Hill Road Lancaster PA

Entrance Fees Apply.

More details at [www.landisvalleymuseum.org/index.php/visit/calendar-events/october-7-8/](http://www.landisvalleymuseum.org/index.php/visit/calendar-events/october-7-8/)

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Monday, October 9— **Virtual Kick-Off** of videos and social media interactions to “Thank a Farmer”

Videos will highlight local elementary school children touring farms, and thanking farmers. Also enjoy videos created by high school FFA members with their own lively styles.

Tune in to [www.lancasteragcouncil.com](http://www.lancasteragcouncil.com) or [www.facebook.com/LancasterCountyAgricultureCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/LancasterCountyAgricultureCouncil)  
or [www.lancastercountyagweek.com/](http://www.lancastercountyagweek.com/) or [www.lancasteronline.com/](http://www.lancasteronline.com/)

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Tuesday, October 10— **Introducing an Apprenticeship Program** for Ag Equipment Service Technicians;  
A Job that Pays

PA Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding will roll out a new apprenticeship program for graduating high schoolers who are interested in hands-on learning of how to service equipment (a field known as mechatronics). Apprenticeship opportunities will be available through local farm equipment dealers.

10:00 AM to Noon;    Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum    2451 Kissel Hill Rd Lancaster PA  
No RSVP required.

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Wednesday, October 11—3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **“Denim & Pearls”** 5-Star Dinner on the Farm

This farm-to-fork dinner celebrates the bountiful, local foods produced by Lancaster County farms. This year’s dinner will feature a raffle to win a Mikimoto pearl and diamond pendant necklace set in 18k yellow gold, donated by Ream Jewelers. Raffle tickets sold ahead of time and at the event. Come hungry!

6:00 PM to 9:30 PM Stoltzfus Homestead and Gardens 3716 E. Newport Rd. Gordonville PA  
TICKETS REQUIRED

For details, or to purchase tickets [www.oregondairy.com/product/denim-and-pearls-dinner-reservation](http://www.oregondairy.com/product/denim-and-pearls-dinner-reservation)

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Thursday, October 12— **Agriculture and the Environment**

Farmers are the original stewards of the land. Many farmers in Lancaster County have installed Best Management Practices to maintain soil on their farms, and to improve local water quality. Improving local water is a responsibility of ALL residents and sectors of the County, not just farmers. Find out what the Lancaster Co. Clean Water Working Group is doing to coordinate efforts and see results!

Time to be announced on [www.lancastercountyagweek.com/](http://www.lancastercountyagweek.com/)  
Lancaster Farm & Home Center 1383 Arcadia Rd Lancaster PA

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Thursday, October 12—**Tree Planting in New Holland**

Farms positively impact water quality in Lancaster County by installing vegetative stream buffers, along with other practices. For a hands-on opportunity to plant trees for water quality improvement, join the Lancaster County Conservation District and Tyson Foods on this farm. Volunteers should bring work gloves and a shovel, if available.

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM 221 Phillip Rd. New Holland, PA 17557  
RSVP to Shelly Dehoff 717-880-0848 or [shellydehoff@lanasterconservation.org](mailto:shellydehoff@lanasterconservation.org)

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Friday, October 13— **“A Time of Harvest”** at Rough and Tumble Historical Association

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Modern agriculture is an amazing, technologically advanced science. But, modern agriculture wouldn’t be where it is today, if it wasn’t for pioneering inventions. Agriculture’s heritage is on working display at “A Time of Harvest”. Rough and Tumble’s last show of the year includes activities for children, and steam trains, gas engines, steam traction engines, plus corn husking and machinery demonstrations.

4997 Lincoln Highway East Kinzers PA  
Admission fees apply. Details at [www.roughandtumble.org/viewreference/44/eventschedules/](http://www.roughandtumble.org/viewreference/44/eventschedules/)  
Enter the gift shop, tell them you are part of Ag Week, and you will receive a free show pin.

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Special Focus throughout October— **Pumpkin Farming** exhibit in The Clubhouse at Hands-On-House

The number and types of farmers growing food and fiber is bountiful. Learn more about what it takes to grow pumpkins all month long. Also, check out the permanent exhibit, “Little Valley Farm”.

Hands -On-House, Children’s Museum of Lancaster 721 Landis Valley Road Lancaster PA  
Admission fees apply. Details available at [www.handsonhouse.org/](http://www.handsonhouse.org/)

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Tours During the Week— **Behind the Scenes Tours** throughout the County

Behind the scenes tours will be available at Lancaster County's farms and agri-businesses. Organized by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, details are at <http://www.lancasterchamber.com/events>

*Tours are free. RSVPs are required, and can be made through Eventbrite, linked through the Chamber website.*

*Specific instructions may apply for the tours. Please be sure to read details.*

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