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Announcing a Lunchtime Webinar Series *Manure Du Jour* Serving Pennsylvania's Best Practices on Animal Ag, Water-, and Air Quality

University Park, PA Research and practices for Pennsylvania's animal agricultural operations and best protection of air and water quality are the focus of a weekly lunch hour program, ***Manure Du Jour: Serving Pennsylvania's Best Practices on Animal Ag, Water-, and Air Quality***, offered January 14 through April 16.

The webinar will feature experts from Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Cooperative Extension, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission (SCC), USDA Agricultural Research Service, Michigan State University, and the Pennsylvania Agricultural Ombudsman program.

The opening session, January 14, features Karl Brown (Executive Director, State Conservation Commission), Eileen Wheeler (Professor, Agricultural and Biological Engineering), and Doug Beegle (Professor, Crops and Soils Sciences). They will provide an overview of the challenges confronting animal agriculture operations that are working to manage on-farm nutrients to protect air and water quality. The following weekly offerings will address livestock-specific considerations, research findings, and practices.

Manure Du Jour is an educational program designed for practitioners in the County Conservation District- and Extension Offices, as well as for NRCS-, SCC-, and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture field personnel. The webinar is also open to producers, agencies, agribusinesses, consultants, and others. An online question and answer period will take place each week following the speaker presentations, enabling the participants to interact with the featured experts.

Details for accessing the webinar are found at "[Manure Du Jour: Serving Pennsylvania's Best on Animal Ag, Water-, and Air Quality](#)" or by visiting the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center website www.aec.cas.psu.edu. To access the webinar, participants will need a high speed internet connection and computer. Those who do not have access are encouraged to contact their County Extension office.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Cooperative Extension are joined in sponsorship of the Lunchtime Webinar Series by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (PA Office), State Conservation Commission, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, and Pennsylvania Agricultural Ombudsman Program.

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