

Central PA:

-Adams Co Land Preservation: **Ellen Dayhoff**

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Ellen Dayhoff is the Administrator of the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program. She has been with the program for 29 years. She was the Founding President of the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Association in 1995 and remains active in the organization.

In 1995 Ellen assisted with co-founding the Land Conservancy of Adams County, Inc., a nonprofit organization which preserves farm and natural lands through conservation easements. She remains active with the Land Conservancy by serving on various committees.

Ellen has lived on her 95-acre preserved farm in Adams County since 1982 and leases pastureland to a tenant farmer for a cow/calf operation as well as her son leasing a portion for hay ground.

-Ag Choice Farm Credit: **John Black**

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John Black has been an agricultural business consultant with AgChoice Farm Credit for 2 years. In this role he has helped customers with budgets, business plans, succession, and transition plans. Prior to this he has over 16 years of experience in farm tax accounting and farm business analysis. He has earned the Enrolled Agent designation to represent taxpayers before the IRS. He grew up on a dairy farm and was a partner in the family business for 25 years. He has a degree in Ag Business Management from Penn State University.... Also, "land preservation is of special interest to me since I have been on the Blair County Land Preservation board for about 25 years and currently serve as chairman."

-Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices HomeSale Realty: **Tereasa Forbes**- Director of Operations

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Tereasa was raised in a small town in Northern PA called Troy located in Bradford County. Her family has a long history of being in the Dairy and Beef business from large milking parlors to small gentleman farms.

She moved to the Southern part of the state in 1989. After staying home with her son and daughter, in August 2001, she began doing Real Estate in the Adams and York County areas. Adams County and its Rural region was most appealing to her, allowing her to work with several large land holders, farmers, and developers in many capacities. She was most interested in the efforts and process where people were attempting to preserve and balance the best use of the land as well as the Historical elements of Gettysburg. Also, the rapid growth of the 2 counties created a lot of areas in her business to require better direction in their development.

Tereasa became an Associate Broker in 2005 and in 2018 she became the Director of Operations for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices HomeSale Realty in Gettysburg helping other agents learn how to keep up and grow with the ever changes of the industry and make a positive impact.

-Farmer: **Matt Harsh**
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Matt will introduce himself and explain his path to owning and operating his Smithsburg, MD farm - 78 Acres - with his wife, Mary Harsh in our panel discussion.

Eastern PA:

-Good Work Farm: **Lisa Miskelly & Anton Shannon**

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Lisa Miskelly and Anton Shannon co-run Good Work Farm LLC in Nazareth, PA with a combined 25 years of growing experience. Once a vegetable CSA and market-farm started at The Seed Farm incubator in 2011, Good Work Farm is now on our third land-base in 10 years. We operate a mixed-traction (horse and tractor) small-scale wholesale produce operation focusing on storage crops and perennial pasture for draft horses. Lisa also manages LaFarm, the Lafayette College educational farm in Easton, PA. Anton also co-manages Monocacy Farm Project in Bethlehem, PA.

-Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit: **Kelsey Feeg**

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Kelsey Feeg has spent the last 3 years working in agricultural finance and banking. As a loan officer with MidAtlantic Farm Credit, she works with farmers across seven counties in southeastern Pennsylvania. In this role, she assists farming operations of varying sizes and commodities across the region, working alongside agricultural producers to find solutions to meet their financing needs. In 2019, she was named 'Rookie of the Year' among her peers on MidAtlantic Farm Credit's sales team.

Kelsey's interest in business and agriculture is reflected in her courses of study as well. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, with a minor in Agribusiness from Delaware Valley University (Doylestown, PA). She also holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Wilkes University.

-New Penn Realty: **Gary Coles**

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Gary has been a real estate agent since 1973 and became the Principal Broker of New Pennsylvania Realty in 1976. He specializes in the marketing of general farms, dairy farms, horse farms, upscale country estates, vacant farmland, and historic properties. He has sold several hundred farms – among them are some of the finest farms and multi-million-dollar country estates in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He has sold farms primarily in Lehigh, Northampton, Berks, Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Bucks, Montgomery, Dauphin, Lebanon, York, and Adams Counties. Gary owns an 80-acre crop and livestock farm, which he has farmed and operated since 1980. He is also an authority on early Pennsylvania architecture, which he has studied for the past 45 years and has completed numerous sales of significant historical properties and counseled owners on historical restorations. Gary is an Army Veteran and member of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

-Northampton Co Farmland Preservation: **Maria Bentzoni**

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Maria Bentzoni has served as the Farmland Preservation Administrator for Northampton County for the last 19 years (and overall has worked for the County for 30 years in other roles).

Through her Farmland Preservation Administrator role, Maria has also served other related positions at the same time, including: Open Space Coordinator for Northampton County for three years; and Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Association (PFPA) Secretary for multiple terms. She is the chair of the Public Relations Committee, serves on the Policy Committee and is the chair of the Nominating Committee for PFPA. In addition, Maria is also a member of many Lehigh Valley organizations that involve favorable land use, conservation, and agricultural agendas, and has received much recognition through her roles.

Prior to working for the County, she served in the United States Navy, serving her entire enlistment aboard the USS JASON AR-8 and was deployed twice overseas. She is the Vice President and a board member of Operation: Touch of Home in Monroe County, a local non-profit supporting local veterans and current military members serving in combat zones.

Western PA:

-Ag Choice Farm Credit: **Gwendolyn Waddell**

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As an AgChoice Farm Credit loan officer, Gwendolyn Waddell focuses on company and individual portfolio growth through creative and inspirational sales and marketing efforts. Raised on a Northwest Pennsylvania dairy farm with a strong passion for owning and working with horses, Gwendolyn has built strong relationships with her customer base. Gwendolyn graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Animal Science. Her combination of education, knowledge base, and background have led to success in field sales roles.

-City of Pittsburgh: **Shelly Danko Day**

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Shelly Danko Day, Food Policy Planner, has been with the City of Pittsburgh since 2014. Based in the Department of City Planning, Sustainability and Resilience Division, her work focuses on creating programs and advancing policies that increase healthy affordable food access for all Pittsburgh residents.

Having a passion for sustainable local foods and food systems, Shelly has worked over the past 15 years as an organizer, teacher, farmer, chef, and advocate. Shelly earned her MA in Food Studies from Chatham University in 2012 and is a member of PA Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Food Policy Advisers group.

In her free time, Shelly enjoys cooking, eating, preserving, and fermenting the food she grows, sharing her knowledge and harvest, and exploring nature.

-National Young Farmers Coalition- Western PA: **Karen Gardner & Adrienne Nelson**

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Karen Gardner, Pennsylvania Manager at National Young Farmers Coalition, builds coalitions with partners and policymakers to advance young farmer priorities. Raised in Pittsburgh, Karen has worked on farms in the Hudson Valley, at a food bank in New Orleans, and as a program evaluator and researcher in New York City. She studied economics at Bard College and completed a Masters in Food Studies at NYU. She is now a backyard gardener.

-Western PA Conservancy: **Andrew Zadnik**

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Andy has managed WPC's land stewardship activities since 2007, overseeing annual conservation easement monitoring and enforcement, preserve management, trail construction, ecological restoration, volunteer coordination, and more. Andy holds a M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Resources from West Virginia University.

Unable to attend:

-Allegheny County Conservation District: **Jonathan Burgess**

<http://www.accdpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/ACCD-2015-2017-Strategic-Plan.pdf>

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