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2026 Winter Newsletter

## A message from Chairman Mike Firstine

Greetings!

As 2025 comes to a close, we need to reflect on the positives and where we, as Republicans need to improve in 2026.

There is no denying that the past election results were disappointing. We had two well-qualified judicial candidates Matt Wolford and Maria Battista who campaigned tirelessly. They would have made outstanding Judges and would have been a strong addition to our Judicial system.

I truly appreciated working with them. But there is a bright spot in the last election, there were more Republicans who voted by mail than ever before!

Republicans have never been about sitting back when times get tough. We as Republicans are at our best when we work together, support one another, and move forward as a strong team. Now is the time to show our strength. The upcoming elections in 2026 are important! We need to focus on winning! We need focus on winning, not winning is not an option. Republicans need to get strong and be accountable.

I believe in our strong team in Washington DC. President Trump has had to make strong choices, but they were necessary to make the United States Great Again. There is never a quick turnaround, we need to be patient. President Trump is resilient and has adaptability; two strong qualities of a strong leader.

Congratulations to Congressman GT Thompson, Chairman House of Representatives Agriculture Committee on the new farm bill. Chairman GT Thompson, worked hard on preparing a farm bill that is beneficial to all of the United States farmers and ranchers. The Chairman had the Farm Bill Listening Sessions in 40 states and Puerto Rico. The Farm Bill listening sessions required a lot of time and travel, but it gave farmers and ranchers an opportunity to discuss their needs and what assistance they might need.

We are quite fortunate to have a majority in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Our legislators are cognizant of what is needed to keep the United States a strong powerful nation. But we need to reciprocate by working hard and showing our commitment to the strong Republican legislative team.

I would like to close by wishing you a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget to attend our annual meeting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Mike Firestine, Chairman  
PA Ag Republicans

## Volunteers Needed for Voter Registration at PA Farm Show

You can't vote if you're not registered to vote.

People plan to vote, but never get around to registering.

Voters move, and forget to change their address on their voter registration.

Voters are registered under one party, and wish to change but do not take the time.

Women change their names,

but forget to change it on their voter registration.

People forget to vote or are away and forget to fill out a mail-in ballot application.

Can you give a few hours, or a day of your time at a Voter Registration Booth at the PA Farm Show?

If so, please contact Steve Carowick at (814) 386-3030.



## 2025 PA Ag Republicans Annual Meeting

The PA Ag Republicans will hold their annual meeting on **Monday, January 12, 2026 at 3:30 pm in the Susquehanna Room at the PA Farm Show Complex** in conjunction with the PA Farm Show.

Join Republican officials and other PA Ag Republican

Members, as we discuss issues facing Farmers in Pennsylvania.



## 2026 Is an important year as we elect Governor of Pennsylvania

The Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is an elected position per the PA constitution. The Governor is the head of the executive branch and the highest state office in Pennsylvania. PA Voters elect the PA Governor who serves a term of four years, and cannot serve more than two consecutive years.

2026 is a very important election year as we elect the PA Governor to serve the people for the next four years.

During the May Primary Election, the Republican voters will choose their candidate, and the Democrat voters will choose their candidate. Those two candidates will then be those Party's Nominee and move onto the Gen-

eral Election ballot. If you are not registered to vote, please do so and then make a plan to vote, either by mail-in ballot or in person on Election Day. Ensure your family and friends are also registered and have a plan to vote.



## PA Ag Republicans Hosted a Booth at Ag Progress Days 2025



## 2025 Boots & Buckle Event with Smarty Jones



**Did you pay your 2026 Membership Dues?  
\$25 Individual / \$30 Family / Keystone \$50**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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2026 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary since our Forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence. 250 years later we are still a free nation, and the greatest nation in the world. Join in celebrations throughout the year, but especially on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Do not take things for granted, many men died fighting for your freedom, which also means your right to vote and choose our legislators.

Happy Birthday

United States of America!

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Join Congressman GT Thompson, Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 1:00 pm, in the Susquehanna Room at the PA Farm Show Complex, for a Legislative Listening Session. Other members from the US House Ag Committee have been invited to attend and hear your concerns.

You are invited to the  
**PA Ag Republican  
KY Derby Party**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026 @ 5:00 pm  
Open Gate Ranch**

**88 Arrow Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960**  
Note, the venue includes steps and is not ramp accessible.

**\$40.00 per person if paid in  
advance by 4/17/2026**  
**\$45.00 per person if paid at door w/RSVP**  
**\$50.00 Walk-ins**

**Fun! Food! Fellowship!**  
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