

PA Ag Republican Newsletter

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**Elections are held on odd years
at the annual meeting for
two-year terms**

Letter from the Chairman

Greetings,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. Thank you for supporting the PA Ag Republicans and the Republican candidates.

The PA Ag Republicans held their annual KY Derby Fundraiser, hosted by Open Gate Ranch, in New Ringgold, PA. Congressman GT Thompson once again did an outstanding job with the racing contest. GT had all guests pick a number of a horse that was entered in the derby. If you had a horse that placed in the top five placings, you won prizes that GT and his wife provided. This year GT added a new category; you would win if your jockey was thrown off the horse, and it happened. Guests dined on KY Derby themed cuisine and mint juleps. The dress your derby best competition is always a highlight of the event. Please join us next year on Saturday, May 1st, 2027. Don't miss the excitement of this fun and socializing event. Thank you to all supporters of this great event.

Another great event, the Boots & Buckle, will take place on 9/12/2026 at the Weidler Family Farm 717 Lawn Road, Palmyra, Pa. The Weidler's milk 70 cows with the milk being shipped to Mt Joy Coop. They also crop farm 300 plus acres of land. The Boots & Buckle PA Ag Republican Fundraiser was an idea by GT. The PA Ag Republicans will be presenting awards for 2026 PA Ag Advocate, Innovator and Lawmaker. There will be a taste of Pennsylvania's finest food and commodities (PA Dairyman milkshakes, PA Potato Growers, Bell Evans chicken, and more). Mark your calendar!

The 2026 Primary Election is behind us; we now need to focus on the 2026 General Election. Stacy Garrity, Governor candidate and Jason Richey, Lt. Gov candidate, need our support. We need fiscal responsibility with long range planning to envision economic stability and efficient resources in the Governor's office. We need to take back the House and keep the Senate.

Congressman Thompson, Chairman of the House of Rep Ag Committee was able to pass a Farm Bill, the first one since 2018. Job well done!

Steve Carowick has done an outstanding job organizing the first ever PA Ag Republican booth at the PA Farm Show. Don't forget to volunteer at the PA Ag Republican Booth at the 2026 Ag Progress Days and the 2027 PA Farm Show, details on page two.

I would like to close by asking you to support our candidates by talking with your neighbors, friends, and family and ensure they go out and vote. Volunteer at the polls or for a candidate, and help cross the finish line.

Mike Firestine, PA Ag Republican Chair

PA Ag Republican looking at 2026

Thank you to Steve Carowick for the first time ever, in organizing a booth at the PA Farm Show. This is a huge undertaking as the farm show runs for eight days. This outreach allowed the PA Ag Republicans to register voters, and discuss legislation and how it affects the farm industry. If you could give a view hours for the 2027 PA Farm Show, please reach out to Steve at 814-386-3030.



PA Ag Republican members attended Conversation with Senator Dave McCormick at the Stoney Lawn Farm. Thank you Senator McCormick for hearing farmer concerns.



A good time was had by everyone who attended the PA Ag Republican KY Derby Party. Fun, Food, and Republicans!



Volunteers are needed for the PA Ag Republican Booth at Ag Progress Days. If you can give a few hours on August 11th - 13th, 2026, reach out to Irene Harris at 570-850-5975.

Your action is needed!!!

Does your School District Serve Whole Milk?

Thank you Senate, Congress, and President Trump for signing into law The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act. The law allows whole milk in our schools for breakfast and lunch. Although this law is in effect, it is not mandatory; schools have the option to serve or not serve whole milk. We urge you to contact your school and petition your school district to serve whole milk as an option with breakfast and lunch. Click to read - [President Trump signs Thompson's Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act into Law](#)

Make a plan to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026
Apply for a Mail-in Ballot or Vote in Person

To apply for a mail-in ballot - [Click here](#)



Stacy Garrity for PA Governor & Jason Richey for PA Lt Governor need your support!

Talk to your friends, family, and neighbors. Are they registered to vote? Do they need to apply for a mail-in ballot. Explain the importance of making a plan and going to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026; polls are open 7 am-8 pm. Many do not understand how this election and these offices affect their everyday lives. It is up to you to strike up that conversation and explain what this Election means, and yes one vote can make a difference.



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Join the PA Ag Republicans
Saturday, September 12, 2026
For the 2nd Annual

Boots & Buckle Roundup

Weidler's Family Farm

Enjoy Pennsylvania made products - PA Dairyman's Milkshakes
Bell & Evans Chicken, PA Potato Growers Coop, PA Mushroom Growers, &
many more

Saturday, 9/12/2026 Noon - 3:00 pm
717 Lawn Road, Palmyra, PA 17078

Special Guest Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson

**RECIPIENTS TO BE
ANNOUNCED FOR 2026**
PA AG ADVOCATE
PA AG INNOVATOR
PA AG LAWMAKER

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS:
TRIPLE CROWN \$1,000
WINNERS CIRCLE \$500
PADDLOCK PARTNER \$250
COUPLE \$150
INDIVIDUAL \$100

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\$25 Individual / \$30 Family / Keystone \$50

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