

35th Annual Agricultural Meeting – Morning  
February 19, 2026  
Yoder's Restaurant  
14 S Tower Rd  
New Holland PA 17557

Agenda

9:35- 10:05 [Category (PC, 1A)] – Dwight Lingenfelter – PSU Weed Science

**Battling New Herbicide-Resistant Weeds: A 2026 Update**

A deeper dive into emerging resistance traits: Waterhemp, Palmer, and Italian Rye Grass etc. Session emphasizes mode-of-action planning, soil-applied layering, and pairing chemistry with cultural/biological tools.

10:05-10:35 [Core] – Del Voight – Penn State Extension

**Pesticides in Our Water Supply in Perspective**

Compare pesticide levels found in surface and drinking water to everyday household substances—such as antibiotics, cleaners, and sewage inputs—to help applicators understand true exposure risk and the importance of proper stewardship practices.

10:35-10:55 – Chad Beiler – PowerAG

**Driving Yield Through Plant Health**

An overview of how PowerAG products work to strengthen crop performance, improve input efficiency, and support higher yields.

10:55- 11:25 [Core] – Kaycee Stephens – Corteva

**Sprayer Operator Safety: Updated PPE Standards for 2026**

Learn updated rules, proper respirator selection, correct removal techniques, and common mistakes that still lead to operator exposure.

11:25- 11:55 [Category (PC, 1A)] – Craig Austin – Syngenta

**2026 Disease Outlook: Protecting Crop Health**

Diseases are becoming more complex as weather patterns shift and resistance builds. This session will focus on identifying early-season symptoms, understanding pathogen life cycles, and selecting the right fungicide modes of action at the correct timing.

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1:15- 2:15 [2 Core] – Dervin Druist – Melvin Weaver Agronomist

**Gramoxone Safety Training**

Learn essential safety protocols for mixing, loading, and applying paraquat-based products like Gramoxone. This session will cover EPA-mandated procedures, proper PPE use, and strategies to minimize exposure and ensure safe handling in the field.

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6:05-6:35 [Category (PC, 1A)] – Tim Helmers – BASF

**Higher Yields Through Better Resistance Management: Weeds & Diseases**

Explore how resistance develops and how combining weed and disease control tools helps maintain efficacy and improve crop performance year after year.

6:35- 7:05 [Core] – Jay Kneisley – Syngenta

**Groundwater Protection Through Smarter Mixing & Loading Zones**

Build on calibrating/mixing/safety topics from earlier years with new content on closed-transfer systems, containment pads, and environmental monitoring practices.

7:05-7:25 – Chad Beiler – PowerAG

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**Modern Spray Technologies: Reducing Drift Through Precision**

New equipment and digital tools now dramatically reduce off-target movement. Learn how to match technology to spray conditions, avoid overlap, and verify application accuracy using in-field calibration.

7:55- 8:25 [Category (PC, 1A)] – Tyler Bill – Bayer

**Integrated Pest & Disease Control: Building a Strong Defense System**

Explores how insect damage often opens pathways for disease, and how well-timed insecticide and fungicide programs work together to safeguard crops from early growth through canopy.

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