



Best Management Practices Workshops Announced

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Strasburg, PA (March 08, 2007) - Lancaster Farmland Trust is hosting two upcoming workshops focused on Best Management Practices (BMPs). The first workshop, on March 19th, will be held at Leola Family Restaurant located at 365 West Main Street in Upper Leacock Township from 7:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. On March 21st, the workshop will be held at Valley View Restaurant located at 1416 Lancaster Pike (Rt. 272) in Drumore Township from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

The workshops will focus on the economic and environmental benefits of BMPs and other conservation strategies, and are tailored for Lancaster County farmers. The opportunity to earn 2 credits for pesticide handling certification will be offered by the Penn State Cooperative Extension. In addition, Steve Groff of Cedar Meadow Farm will discuss the soil quality benefits of no-till agricultural systems, and Red Barn Consulting will share its expertise on the BMPs that can save soils and strengthen the economic viability of farming.

Farmland preservation and creek restoration will also be featured topics. Lancaster Farmland Trust will discuss options for preserving farmland, and will present their new BMP Initiative. The Mill Creek Preservation Association will also be on hand to highlight their efforts to restore the Mill Creek.

Meals will be provided and both workshops are free of charge, but seats are limited. Transportation may be available. Contact Peter Olmsted at Lancaster Farmland Trust, (717) 687-8484 ext. 11, with questions or to reserve a seat.

Lancaster Farmland Trust is a private, non-profit organization working to preserve the rich and productive farmland of Lancaster County, to support good stewardship of the land, and to encourage a thriving agricultural economy, recognizing that our farm heritage enriches the lives of all citizens.