

## First Priority Bank - Lancaster Farmland Trust Pedal to Preserve Hits Record Levels

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**Lancaster, PA:** The First Priority Bank - Lancaster Farmland Trust 10th annual Pedal to Preserve bike ride held Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, raised over \$65,000. Thanks to First Priority Bank's title sponsorship this year, additional sponsorship by PPL and Sensenig's Feed Mill, and support from over 55 businesses, this year's cycling event to benefit farmland preservation reached record fundraising and participation levels. "Nine hundred cyclists from central and southeastern Pennsylvania, as well as New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, and Maryland enjoyed a day touring Lancaster County's picturesque countryside, rest stops, hot lunch, and drinks and ice cream provided by Turkey Hill Dairy. I am delighted that so many cycling enthusiasts, recreational riders, and families came out to enjoy a wonderful day and help save farmland," commented Karen Martynick, Executive Director of the Trust. "The money raised from this event will go toward helping the Trust preserve the farms on our waiting list this year." The First Priority Bank – Lancaster Farmland Trust Pedal to Preserve is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the importance of farmland preservation in the county.

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Over 60 preserved farms were showcased along the three bike routes and helped riders experience first hand what a treasure we enjoy in Lancaster County,” Martynick continued.

Rob Barber, Pedal to Preserve Committee Chairman, said, “I came across so many riders who commented on the breathtaking scenery – scenery that many of us take for granted everyday.” “It’s our responsibility to educate the community on the importance of farmland preservation. This ride provides an excellent opportunity to preserve Lancaster County farmland while enjoying the scenery on well-marked, traffic-controlled bicycle routes for all ages and abilities,” Barber continued.

Lancaster Farmland Trust is a local, nonprofit organization that helps farmers preserve their farmland for future generations to enjoy. Since 1988 the Trust has preserved over 16,000 acres of farmland and 262 farms in Lancaster County.

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