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## Farm Bureau Urges Restraint on Beef Imports

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President Chris Hoffman recently commented on President Trump's plans to reduce beef prices through increased beef imports from Argentina.

"The core mission of our farmers is twofold: to supply consumers with wholesome, affordable, and locally grown food and to sustain their own family livelihoods. We understand grocery store prices are high, but our family farms are struggling to make ends meet as well. Therefore, we were troubled by the President's recent comments suggesting the possibility of importing beef from Argentina as a means to lower grocery store costs. The beef industry, particularly, has taken a toll in recent years from factors outside of their control such as a shrinking cattle inventory, prolonged drought, and the New World Screwworm. While beef prices have hit record highs in the stores recently, farmers have struggled to reap the benefits. The use of beef imports to lower retail prices in the U.S. will hurt our family beef farmers by further destabilizing an already fragile domestic farm economy.

We urge the administration to fully assess the consequences that importing Argentine beef would have on the U.S. cattle industry before making any final decisions. The distressed and alarmed reaction from cattle producers to the mere proposal of importing beef to artificially lower prices clearly demonstrates the industry's concern. More importantly, food security should be paramount; utilizing foreign-grown products puts U.S. food independence at risk. We are ready to work with the President on strategies to simultaneously lower grocery store costs for consumers and boost the American farmer by prioritizing locally grown products and reducing input expenses."



## Help Lead Pennsylvania Agriculture

Farm Bureau is an organization representing farm families engaged in all types of agriculture — from farms of every size and commodity, to craft breweries, to farm-to-table restaurants and agritourism experiences.



## Mark Your Calendars for PFB's 75th Annual Meeting

Be sure to join us for Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's 75th Annual Meeting: Diamond Celebration, taking place November 16-18 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania. In addition to celebrating our accomplishments, hundreds of members will gather to elect and establish policies on farming and rural life issues. This year we will celebrate PFB's 75 years with commemorative videos, a "History Hall", special keynote speakers and entertainment!

Our official celebration will kick off on Sunday, November 17 with Opening General Session at 3:00 p.m. In recognition of our special anniversary, we are honored to have AFBF President Zippy Duvall as our Keynote Speaker.

Zippy Duvall leads the American Farm Bureau Federation, serving as president for nearly a decade. He is a third-generation farmer from Georgia. He and his son operate a beef cow herd, raise broiler chickens, and are continuing to restore the farmland that has been in the family for more than 90 years.

Through his leadership, Duvall helped to shape the 2018 farm bill and is working to ensure Congress passes a new, modernized farm bill that effectively supports farmers and ranchers. He has helped defeat misguided regulations, shepherd new trade agreements, and in 2024, stopped Wall Street regulations from hitting farms and played a key role in securing \$30 billion in aid for farmers and ranchers hit hard by natural and economic disasters. Prior to being elected AFBF president, he was president of the Georgia Farm Bureau and served on the AFBF board of directors.

At the Opening Session we will celebrate our county accomplishments, and in the evening, we will celebrate our 75th Anniversary with cake and ice cream served at 7:00 p.m., followed by entertainment from the award-winning Uptown Band! Be sure to also check out "history hall" over the time you are at annual meeting to view some special memorabilia of PFB's past 75 years!

The PFB Information and Registration Desk will be open from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday for pickup of meal tickets and delegate packets and will reopen on Monday morning at 7:00 a.m.

Monday will be packed with many events including Delegate Session, YAP & Collegiate Discussion Meets, Seminars, the Nationwide Reception and much more. Be sure not to miss the highlight of our Annual Meeting – our 75th Anniversary Annual Banquet. Be sure to stay after the Banquet for the YAP Auction.

The 2025 Annual Meeting: Diamond Celebration will conclude on Tuesday by Noon, after several informative seminars and our Delegate and Closing Business Session.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is the state's largest farm organization, representing farms of every size and commodity across Pennsylvania. PFB advocates policies that protect the right to farm and improve farmers' bottom line while growing the public's understanding of agriculture through educational outreach. PFB members experience our value in action through the opportunity to shape our advocacy agenda, valuable services and discounts, and programs to develop leaders in Pennsylvania agriculture. Learn more and join at: [www.pfb.com/members](http://www.pfb.com/members).