



The PSBA Waggle

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Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association

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Irradiation Available

Fellow Beekeepers,

I am reaching out to you in an effort to make every beekeeper in the region aware of the 8th annual bee hive irradiation/sterilization event at Sterigenics Corporation located at 75 Tilbury Road, Salem, NJ. Please pass this information on to others in your organization and anywhere else you think it would do some good.

Due to a facility shut down for maintenance the hive irradiation/sterilization event has been moved up to Friday March 11th at 10:30 A.M. If your hive or those of others you know died out or had a disease problem it would be a smart idea to take advantage of this program. By irradiating bee hives all disease and pathogens that can harm or kill honey bees will be eliminated and new bees being installed into treated equipment will not become ill or die from what may have affected the bees that previously occupied the equipment. The process is neat, clean, with no chemical residue. We should have enough equipment to attain the lowest processing cost of \$164.40 per pallet which is less than \$4.00 per deep box including frames and comb.

Look on the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association website for full details and a short video on how you must palletize hive equipment at www.montcobeekkeepers.org We cannot allow any pallets to leak honey this year so please package your boxes with honey correctly. If you are taking part please contribute a jar of honey for us to give the staff at Sterigenics as a thank you for taking such good care of us each year. Please let me know if anyone from your organization is taking part in this effort to improve the health and survival of their honey bees.

Thank you,

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Sunshine Farmers Conference

Blue Dasher Benefit

March 9th Register today!

Upper Susquehanna Crop Management Associates is holding the Sunshine Farmers Conference at Forman's Grain, LLC on March 9th, 2016. The address is 2837 Whitmoyer Road Watsonstown, PA 17777. The event begins with registration at 8:30am and will conclude around 5pm with lunch included. The SSFC is a gathering of growers, beekeepers, agency folks, and interested community members who are exploring the present and future of farming sustainably. Additionally, diverse species of plants growing for as much of the season as possible promotes forage for honeybees and other pollinators increasing the productivity of hives and fields alike.

The speakers for this event are: Dr. Jonathan Lundgren, Dr. Dwayne Beck, Dr. Wendy Taheri, and Dan Forgey. The cost for attendees is \$100 if registered before March 4th and \$125 at the door.

There is also a benefit banquet for Dr. Jonathan Lundgren and Blue Dasher Farm being held the evening of the 9th at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville, Pennsylvania. This event begins with a cash bar at 6pm and dinner being served at 7pm. Dr. Lundgren will be presenting at this event. RSVPs by March 4th are necessary to attend and the suggested donation is \$50/person.

Please contact Sarah Troisi at 570-922-1838 or st1244@messiah.edu to register for the Sunshine Farmers Conference and/or Banquet and with any other questions.

The Waggle is not intended to be used for editorials, but rather specific activities or information that may be of interest or value to PSBA membership.

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