



## *Conservation Update*

### CCCD contracts with Plan Writers

The Centre County Conservation District received Growing Greener funds to contract with two people who will serve as County Plan Writers. These individuals will write Manure Management Plans and Ag Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for county farmers.

Pennsylvania law requires that all farming operations that land apply manure or agricultural process wastewater, whether they generate the manure or import it from another operation must have a written Manure Management Plan. All farming operations that include an Animal Concentration Area (ACA) or pasture must have a written Manure Management Plan. All farms with crops or ACAs must also have an Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control Plan meeting the requirements of DEP Chapter 102.

For farms not defined as Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) or Concentrated Animal Operations (CAOs), Manure Management Plans can be written by the farmer, although the farmer may benefit from getting assistance from CCCD. Manure Management Plans do not have to be submitted for approval but must be kept on the farm and made available upon request.

Don Eligman will cover Halfmoon Creek Watershed, Little Fishing Creek Watershed, and the Bald Eagle Creek Watershed. Don Woodring will be available to assist farmers in the Penns Valley area.

There will be a \$50 charge for their assistance.

If you are a farmer or know a farmer who would like utilize the services of one of our Plan Writers, please call the District at 355-6817.

