DONALD W. CAIRNS

Biographical Sketch

Don Cairns owns and operates Cairns Family Farm, a first generation, 1600 acre crop farming operation in Chester County, PA. He also spent 13 years as a professional risk management consultant, developing complex risk management and insurance programs for large businesses and government agencies.

“Stewardship Matters” is the Cairns Family Farm slogan, with a deep commitment to conservation, including no-till and cover crops. Don was recognized as Chester County Farmer of the Year in 2017 and was nominated for the Leopold Conservation Award by the Chester County Conservation District.

Cairns has grown their farm operation into a thriving enterprise while still dedicating significant effort towards agricultural and community service. This includes being a Board Member of the Chester County 4-H Center, Inc. for 31 years, including 9 years as Chairman. He has also coached the 4-H Livestock Judging Team for 14 years.

Cairns also serves as Vice Chairman of the Chester County Agricultural Land Preservation Board and has assisted many local farm families enrolling in farmland preservation.

Other agricultural service areas include: Farm Bureau Legislative Committee, USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee member, as well as many local and regional ag promotional activities.

Community involvement includes serving as school board chairman, church Board of Trustees and Elders, overseas mission work, among many others.

Cairns is a 1988 Penn State graduate and holds several professional designations in the risk management field. He and Kelly have been married for 27 years and have a daughter (PSU ’20) and a son (PSU ’23).

Position Statement

Elevating Penn State to the highest level of effectiveness is my mission. Active and involved board members are essential to moving this great institution forward. I pledge to give 100% effort to positively impact Penn State in ways that will:

- Promote agriculture as our most important industry - keeping agricultural research, education, and outreach at the forefront of Penn State’s mission.

- Promote excellence, efficiency, accessibility, and affordability across all PennState programs, for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians.

I will promote more alternatives to a traditional 4-year agricultural degree. For example, 2-year programs in Ag Technology, Dairy Technology, and Farm Management. I will also promote close connections between the Penn State research agenda and our ag community’s needs.

I am a steadfast promoter of agriculture and ag education and will be a strong voice for our industry. Penn State has been instrumental in shaping who I am, and I would consider it a great privilege to advocate for our dynamic agricultural community on the Board of Trustees.
WAYNE D. CAMPBELL

Biographical Sketch

My professional background is:

- Born and raised on the family farm and owning my own Holstein dairy cows by the age of 14.
- In September 1981, I left the family farm. For 7 years, I worked as a certified New Holland and J I Case Technician.
- From 1987 to 2007, I was employed by Forbes Chevrolet as a Warranty Administrator and was promoted to Service Manager. In 2007 GM closed our dealership.
- In 2008 I went to work for Valley Ag and Turf, a John Deere dealership. I started out as Service Manager and was promoted to Store Manager.
- In 2010 I went back to the auto industry for 5 years, working locally as a Service Writer/Service Manager.
- In 2015 I semi-retired and went to work for Perry County Transportation, transporting residents of the county to medical appointments, and other destinations.
- In 2017, I left Perry County Transportation when I became the President of the Pennsylvania State Grange. I direct the day-to-day operations of the State Grange, which includes over 200 Granges throughout the Commonwealth.
- I actively advocate in Harrisburg for rural and urban residents for Broadband, increasing dairy consumption, improved healthcare, and many other concerns of Pennsylvanians.
- The Grange supports the Penn State Land Grant University by promoting its importance to Legislators by educating them on the many different ways it works to improve our lives through their research and educational opportunities.

Position Statement

I am asking for your support that I may have the opportunity to serve as a Penn State University Ag Trustee. I believe from my diverse professional career I can provide fresh new ideas to the board. I want to be able to help move the university forward by efficient planning for the future, advocating for adequate funding, and helping to maintain an excellent working environment.

I believe that the personnel are the key to a brilliant future. We must promote an environment where we all operate as a team. Penn State is fortunate to have the best minds in America, working for the improvement of life and tackling the challenges of American agriculture today. We must stay on the cutting edge of technology and provide new educational opportunities to maintain this futuristic position.

As President of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I can provide a link between the university and our grass roots communities.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about me and I look forward to serving you.

Warm regards,
Wayne Campbell, President
Pennsylvania State Grange
CHRIS R. HOFFMAN

Biographical Sketch

Chris Hoffman owns and operates Lazy Hog Farms, a 1,400-sow farrow to wean, 4,800-head nursery barn and 4,400-head finishing barn located in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. He also owns and operates Lazy Chick Farms, raising 250,000 chickens annually.

Hoffman was selected to serve on Pennsylvania Farm Bureau’s State Board of Directors in 2006 and selected to serve on the board’s Executive Committee in 2008. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation, a charitable organization supported by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

He was chosen to serve as Pennsylvania Farm Bureau’s Vice President in 2014. In 2013, Hoffman was selected to lead a new committee within Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, the Agriculture Promotion Committee—which encourages local programs that engage consumers with agriculture, and also raises money for the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation.

He was appointed to chair the American Farm Bureau Federation Promotion & Education Committee in 2014. In 2015, he was elected by the state’s agricultural societies to the Board of Trustees at Penn State, the Commonwealth’s land grant university.

Hoffman has a long history of leadership at the county level, having served as vice president and president of Juniata County Farm Bureau.

He previously chaired Pennsylvania’s Nutrient Management Advisory Board, PennAg Industries Association and Fayette Township Fire Co. In October 2019, he received the America’s Pig Farmer of the Year award from the National Pork Board.

Hoffman graduated from Middleburg High School. He and his wife, Selina, have four children and two grandchildren.

Position Statement

Three years ago, I set several goals for my tenure as a trustee. I have been actively working toward these objectives - and others - and believe there is still more to do in each of these areas:

- Keeping tuition affordable,
- Supporting smart growth in the College of Agricultural Sciences,
- Boosting state revenues for research and Extension, and
- Increasing awareness about how Penn State impacts the everyday lives of citizens across the state - and beyond.

I have also been working with other trustees to ensure a positive educational experience for our students and still meet the needs of the communities throughout the commonwealth. I have been collaborating with fellow trustees on projects like introducing more students to agriculture through academic credits and building support to get more dollars into the College of Agriculture, which is necessary to update our facilities so we can attract more top-notch faculty and students.

I have been building positive relationships with lawmakers to ensure that public investment in a quality Penn State education does not diminish and that the university remains a good steward of public dollars. And I have long been focused on representing the agriculture community in a manner that acknowledges the high level of professionalism and technical skill required to grow food, fuel, and fiber in today’s marketplace.

I am excited about the future of Penn State. And because of our dedicated faculty, staff, and student body, I truly believe our best days are ahead of us.