



SUMMER CONFERENCE 2026

AUGUST 13-15 | AGENDA

THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2026

2:00pm - 4:00pm	PCTGA Board Meeting	Board Members
4:00pm-5:00pm	Agritourism in Pennsylvania	Professor Claudia Schmidt, Penn State University
5:00pm-7:00pm	Welcome Reception & Farm Tours!	All Welcome!

FRIDAY AUGUST 14, 2026

7:30am-8:00am	Registration & Breakfast	
8:00am-8:15am	Welcoming Remarks & Mytrysak Family Farm Overview	Larry Snyder, PCTGA President & Brandon Mytrysak, Event Host
8:15am-9:15am	Insurance Coverage Overview	Richard Brickner, Great Lakes Agribusiness Insurance Co.
9:15am-10:15am	U.S. Department of Labor H-2A Labor Standards in Agriculture	Karen Welton, USDOL Community Outreach Specialist
	Gift Shop Operations: Tour, Tips, & Wreaths	Stacey Mytrysak, Event Host
10:15am-10:30am	BREAK	
10:30am-11:30am	Bring Your Own Porch Pot Design & Creation	Glenn Bustard & Gary Hague Bustard's Christmas Trees & Hague's Christmas Trees
	Pest Control Strategies (Pesticide Credit)	Kelly Piccioni, Penn State Extension Educator
11:30am-noon	NCTA Update	Rick Dungey, Executive Director
Noon-1:30pm	Lunch & Membership Meeting	
1:30pm-2:30pm	Drone Demonstration	Cody Morrow, Helena Agri Intelligence Technician
2:30pm-3:30pm	Bow Making & Sales Shop Group Discussion	Gary Hague, Hague's Christmas Trees
	Scouting with Confidence (Pesticide Credit)	Kelly iccioni, Penn State Extension Educator
3:30pm-3:15pm	BREAK	
3:15pm-4:15pm	Flocking Demonstration	Brandon Mytrysak, Event Host
4:15pm-5:00pm	Panel Discussion: Trees for Troops	Rick Dungey, Moderator Gerrit Strathmeyer, Ground Roots Brandon Mytrysak, Mytrysak Family Farm Mark McCurdy, McCurdy's Tree Farm
5:00pm-5:30pm	Dedicated Vendor Time	
5:30pm-8:00pm	Evening Reception	

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2026

8:00am-8:30am	Breakfast	
8:30am-9:30am	Digging Demonstration	Lee Squires, Tree Equipment Design
9:30am-10:30am	Shearing Demonstration	Gary Thomas, Winterfarm
	Wreath Making	David & Marcia Hicks, Christmas Tree Farmers Association of NY
10:30am-10:45am	BREAK	
10:45am-11:45am	Farm Safety Jeopardy (Pesticide Credit)	Stacey Mullen, Timac Agro
11:45am-noon	Box Lunch for the Road	THANKS FOR COMING!!