



## **2024 Special Orders of Business**

### **THE ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE, AND THE FAMILY FARM**

PFU supports the pursuit of excellent environmental stewardship in the pursuit of Agriculture among farms of all sizes and types. This includes support for:

**Regenerative Agriculture**

**Organic Agriculture**

**Local/Regional Food Systems**

As well as support for the following, toward the end of promotion of same:

**1. A rational, nationwide environmental policy. We believe that family farmers are great contributors toward preserving the environment and that society is interested in rewarding their contributions. Pennsylvania farmers work hard and take great pride in providing a safe, healthy, nutrient dense food, while contributing to the health of our region through their care of the land. We support environmental programs that encourage farmers to adopt conservation and environmentally friendly practices, and that reward them for their contributions to a healthy environment.**

**2. Programs that recognize farms as multifunctional and rewards farmers for their contribution to land stewardship, protecting clean air and water, open spaces, and wildlife, supporting rural heritage, supporting small towns and rural economies and tourism.**

**3. The adoption and promotion of agricultural practices that protect the soil and reduce the need for pesticides and fertilizers.**

**4. Increased emphasis on public interest research at the region's land grant universities with a higher priority placed in interdisciplinary research on the social, economic and environmental effects of agricultural policies, technologies, chemicals, and biotechnologies. We encourage the universities to establish policies to expand the availability of public information and disclosure of all research projects, whether publicly or privately funded.**



## **RIGHT TO REPAIR**

**PFU Supports Right to Repair legislation that would allow farmers and independent mechanics access to diagnostic software, firmware, hardware, information, manuals, and other tools in order to repair critical equipment in the field, in the most timely, efficient, and economical way possible.**



## **FARM BILL NOW**

**PFU encourages Congress to act quickly to put together a Farm Bill in 2023 that works, and is just, for every farmer, as well as every recipient of the benefits it provides. This Farm Bill should include incentives for the adoption of sustainable, regenerative, environmentally responsible Agriculture, as well as Fairness for Farmers.**

**As the Farm Bill is written & debated, IRA FUNDING EARMARKED FOR USDA CONSERVATIONS SHOULD REMAIN IN CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, NOT BE REALLOCATED TO COMMODITY PROGRAMS.**