

OUR MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE AGES

OUR HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

In the fall, several Pennsylvania millers started to experience discriminatory freight rates given by railroads to flour shippers. By December, N.C. Frack Company of Millersburg, Pa., issued a "call for an association of Pennsylvania Millers" to protect and advance the state's milling interests.

1877



THE FIRST MEMBER MEETING

The first meeting of the Pennsylvania Miller's State Association took place in Millersburg. At the meeting, 15 members drafted the organization's charter, and from there, the membership grew from those original 15 members to over 3,000 millers within the state.

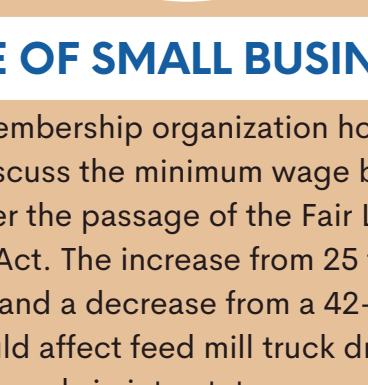
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NEW ORGANIZATION TITLE

The flour industry began to shift and incorporate the growing feed industry. This prompted the organization to re-brand and change its name to "Pennsylvania Millers and Feed Dealers Association."

1931



ADVOCATE OF SMALL BUSINESS

The membership organization holds a meeting to discuss the minimum wage being set after the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The increase from 25 to 30 cents and a decrease from a 42-hour workweek would affect feed mill truck drivers transporting goods in interstate commerce.

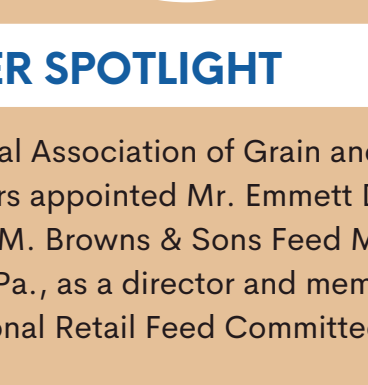
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MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY BOOMS

In June 1941, the organization hosted its annual conference in Harrisburg. The event attracted close to 200 members, making it one of the most successful attended events on record.

1941



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The National Association of Grain and Feed Dealers appointed Mr. Emmett D. Brown of F.M. Browns & Sons Feed Mill in Birdsboro, Pa., as a director and member of the National Retail Feed Committee.

1946



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

As the new year started in 1953, the Pennsylvania Millers & Feed Dealers Association celebrated its 75th anniversary. According to all known records, the association is the nation's oldest flour and feed trade membership group.

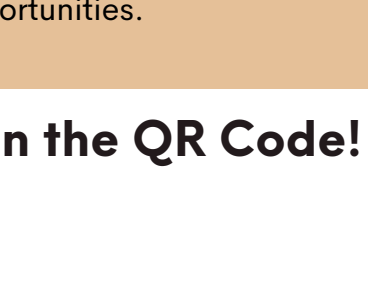
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MEMBERSHIP GATHERINGS

In the 1950s, membership rapidly increased, allowing the association to host six regional membership meetings throughout the state, offering current events, membership news, and employee training opportunities.

1955



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ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS

In 1968, the association's "Grist of the Mill," a monthly newsletter, reported that the grain industry was a significant contributor to air pollution and needed to work on solutions to resolve the issue. The periodical would publish articles on pollution mitigation, infrastructure changes, and purchasing habits throughout the year.

1968



IN OUR PENNAG ERA

The 93-year-old membership organization began the new year in 1972 with a new name. Originally known as the Pennsylvania Millers and Feed Dealers Association, the name switched to PennAg Industries Association to adjust to the scope of the latest various agribusiness memberships.

1972



CELEBRATE AGRIBUSINESS DAY

In 1978, Pennsylvania's Governor Milton J. Shapp proclaimed September 20 as Agribusiness Day in honor of PennAg's Centennial citation. The year also marks PennAg's celebration of its centennial convention with almost 600 attendees.

1978

FEMALE LEADERSHIP

Janet Hines of Hines Feed Store in Hollidaysburg was the first woman elected third vice president of the organization. By 1991, she will become the first female President of the primary Pennsylvania Agribusiness membership organization.

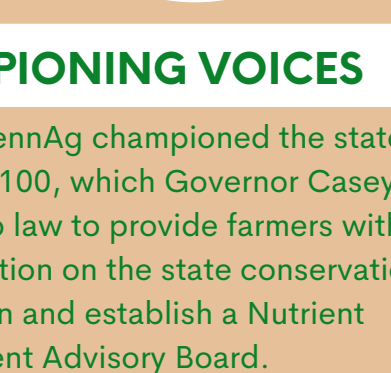
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PA AQUACULTURE SHINES

In 1992, Leo Dunn was appointed by the State's Department of Agriculture as the aquaculture coordinator. PennAg would later become the leader of Aquaculture representation in Harrisburg by forming the Aquaculture Council.

1992



CHAMPIONING VOICES

In 1993, PennAg championed the state House Bill 100, which Governor Casey signed into law to provide farmers with representation on the state conservation commission and establish a Nutrient Management Advisory Board.

1993

POULTRY JOINS PENNAG

In 1998 and 1999, the Pennsylvania Poultry Association merged with the PennAg Industries Association, creating the second stake holding industry council representing poultry.

1998



OPENING BARN DOORS

Starting in 2012 and for four years, PennAg collaborated with around 150 organizations and companies to create the "Today's Ag" exhibit at the Farm Show, giving consumers an up-close-and-honest look at agriculture with 10 display exhibits housed in a 60-foot-by-80-foot barn inside the Farm Show Complex.

2012



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