



Pennsylvania  
Association for  
Sustainable Agriculture

## Chicano Sol's Sunny Outlook on Farming



By Lisa Grazan, guest writer

In October of 2009, as a tribute to her husband's Mexican heritage and with a respectful bow to the essential role the sun plays in growing plants, Jarrah and Agustin Cernas' "Chicano Sol" began to shine.

To those who don't know Chicano Sol, it's a small, family-owned certified organic vegetable farm located in Blaine, Pennsylvania. To those who know Jarrah Cernas, Chicano Sol is a lifestyle.

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## Upcoming PASA Events

Last Chance:

### PASA's 3rd Annual Soil Health Conference

**Spiral Path Farm**  
**Loysville [Perry Co]**  
**Thursday, September 28**

Learn about the **Spiral Path** approach to nurturing soil microbial communities for better plant health, explore their aggressive and creative cover cropping schedules, and hear tips for judiciously using tillage and cultivation in an organic crop rotation.

All farmers are encouraged to attend. Scholarships are available for any current or aspiring farmer.



[Click here to see the full schedule, apply for a scholarship, and register for the conference.](#) Space is limited and the event is likely to sell-out.

## Regional Membership Meetings: Open to All!

<b>North Central</b>	Wednesday, Oct 11	Penn Tech	Lycoming Co.
<b>Eastern</b>	Thursday, Oct 12	Victory Brewing	Chester Co.

<b>South Central</b>	Wednesday, Oct 18	DCNR Center	Fulton Co.
<b>Western</b>	Thursday, Oct 26	Chatham Univ.	Allegheny Co.
<b>*New this year! Virtual Meeting</b>	Monday, October 30	Online or Call-in	

Join us at one of our upcoming Regional Annual Membership meetings to learn more about PASA's work over the last year and where we're headed next year.

Our annual meetings are also a great way to meet PASA folks in your area. Join us at whichever location feels like home to you.

All are welcome, but a head count will be necessary for dinner. Please click the image or call PASA to RSVP.



## Pittsburgh Urban Farm Tour

**Saturday, September 30**

Click the image to learn more, see the list of participating farms, and purchase your car or bike tickets today!



## Farm & Chef Event

**Saturday, October 7**

Click the image to learn more, see the list of participating vendors, and purchase your tickets today!

Tickets are only available in advance- no on-site tickets available.



## In Other PASA News

### Survey on the State of Meat Processing in PA Livestock Producers Invited to Participate - Win \$250

Calling all pastured livestock producers! If you raise livestock, and use a federally inspected (USDA) processor, PASA invites

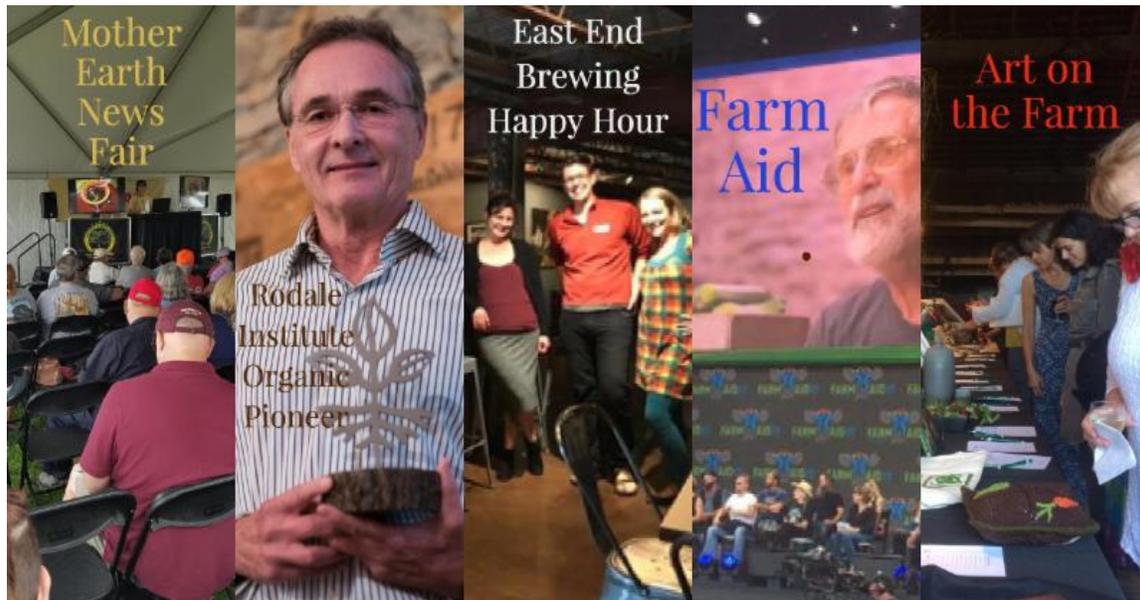
you to help us study the state of meat processing in the state of Pennsylvania. We are interested in how many animals you raise annually, your satisfaction with processing, and your ability to work with your processor. PASA worked with some of our own livestock producers to figure out what questions would help shed light on some common issues producers may have, and what services are missing from our existing processing infrastructure. The survey takes less than 20 minutes to complete, and enters the participant in a chance to win one of two \$250 gift cards to Agri-Dynamics. This information is very important to us, and we appreciate your time invested in the survey!



[Click here to take the quick survey.](#)

## Recap: Mother Earth News Fair, Art on the Farm, East End Brewing Happy Hour, & Farm Aid

PASA sightings everywhere the past few weeks. Hope we saw you at a few of these, too.



## Renew or Join to Vote in Upcoming PASA Elections

Elections for PASA Board of Directors will be occurring soon! In order to vote in the elections, your PASA membership needs to be current.

[Click here to check your membership.](#)

[Click here to Join or Renew--](#)

or call us! We're always happy to check your membership status and renew over the phone.



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