

11th Annual Cumberland County Corn Planter Clinic

On December 14th 2022, the 11th Annual Corn Planter Clinic was held at the Shippensburg Auction Center. The Clinic is the largest agricultural education event in Cumberland County. Staff from the Cumberland County Conservation District worked with Cumberland Planter in organizing this event. The event is beneficial for the farming community to come together to share ideas and gather valuable information from knowledgeable speakers. Chris Creek from Precision Ag spoke about how important precision planting is due to the increasing cost of fertilizer. John Tooker from Penn State Extension talked about slug management in cover cropping and Steve Ernst from Martin's Elevator spoke about cover cropping and equipment. Eric Rosenbaum from the PA 4R Alliance described the nitrogen usage when cover cropping. Bill Chain brought his cover cropping drone he explained how the drone will be beneficial for the future of farming. Bill also noted that at this time the drone is only being used for research purposes. He also spoke about the importance of cover cropping and how it benefits the Chesapeake Bay. Program updates were given by both the Cumberland and Franklin County Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency and the Cumberland County Planning/Farmland Preservation. There was an estimated total of 160 people in attendance.

