

## Butler County Conservation District Host Round Table and Field Day

The Butler County Conservation District partnered with the State Conservation Commission (SCC) to hold the Fall Western PA Nutrient Management Round Table and Field Day. During the round table Nutrient Management Program Regional Coordinator Laurel Rush updated the group on Nutrient Management Act 38 changes and policies. With the threat of avian flu increasing with the fall migration of waterfowl, she also talked about on the farm biosecurity measures. Tyler Echard with the SCC walked the group through the process of entering manure management plans into practice keeper. Washington County Conservation District's Tom Ulrich reviewed the record keeping process that he uses on his own farm and provides to the farmers he works with in his county.



The day finished in the field at the Thiele Dairy Farm in Cabot, Butler County. Butler County Conservation District staff members Camryn Monk, Reed Hertzler and Ryan Harr demonstrated how to calibrate manure spreaders. They ran two test trials, one for solid manure or the tarp method and one for liquid or the swath method. To end the day, the group viewed over 10 Best management Practices (BMP's) that the Thiele Farm has installed to improve soil health, reduce soil loss and nutrient runoff. A big thank you to Thiele Dairy Farm for allowing us to utilize their farm and Laurel Rush for arranging for the participants to receive Nutrient Management Continuing Education Credits.