

10th ANNUAL CORN PLANTER CLINIC

On December 15TH 2021, the 10th 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. Brad Cornman from Pioneer Seed talked about corn planter maintenance and Steve Ernst from Martin's Elevator spoke about cover cropping including the tillage radish in a multispecies cover cropping system. Bill Chain from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation demonstrated how much soil runoff occurs with different levels of cover on crop fields with a rainfall simulator. The simulator demonstrated the runoff outcome of no-till, plowed, fodder covered and grassed waterway soil after a soaking rain. 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 Department of Farmland Preservation. There was an estimated total of 160 people in attendance.

