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PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program  
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Since 2002, Shelly has served as the Agricultural Ombudsman for eastern Pennsylvania. The position handles public relations, education and conflict management related to agriculture. Shelly creates educational publications and offers presentations on good neighbor relations and pro-active efforts to minimize conflicts between agriculture and non-farm neighbors. She also offers moderation/facilitation services when conflicts arise.

Shelly has contracted with the PA Department of Environmental Protection since 2010 to create publications which explain Pennsylvania's agricultural and environmental regulations in a colorful, attractive, reader-friendly way for farmers and manure haulers/brokers.

One of the educational efforts Shelly has been involved with in Pennsylvania is proper mortality disposal of livestock and poultry. She has partnered with Penn State Extension to create educational publications and offer technical training on the legal disposal methods in PA. Shelly's focus has been proper techniques for mortality composting.

Shelly has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Resource Management from Penn State University, graduating in 1996. She worked as a Resource Conservation Specialist for the York County Conservation District from Nov. 1996 to July 2002. Shelly is a certified Nutrient Management Specialist, and has educational provisions under the Odor Management Program. Shelly began work at the Lancaster County Conservation District in July 2002 with a pilot program, known as the PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program. That 3-county pilot rapidly grew into a statewide program, partially funded through the PA State Conservation Commission. In 2007, a second Ombudsman was hired to enable the state to be covered by two people. The Ombudsman Program offers support to farmers, municipalities, agri-businesses, citizens and Conservation Districts in PA.

Shelly lives in southeastern York County, PA. Her husband manages his family's steer and crop farm in York County. Shelly is a "softball mom" to 13 and 10 year old daughters, and also enjoys cooking, hunting, skiing and spending time with friends and family.