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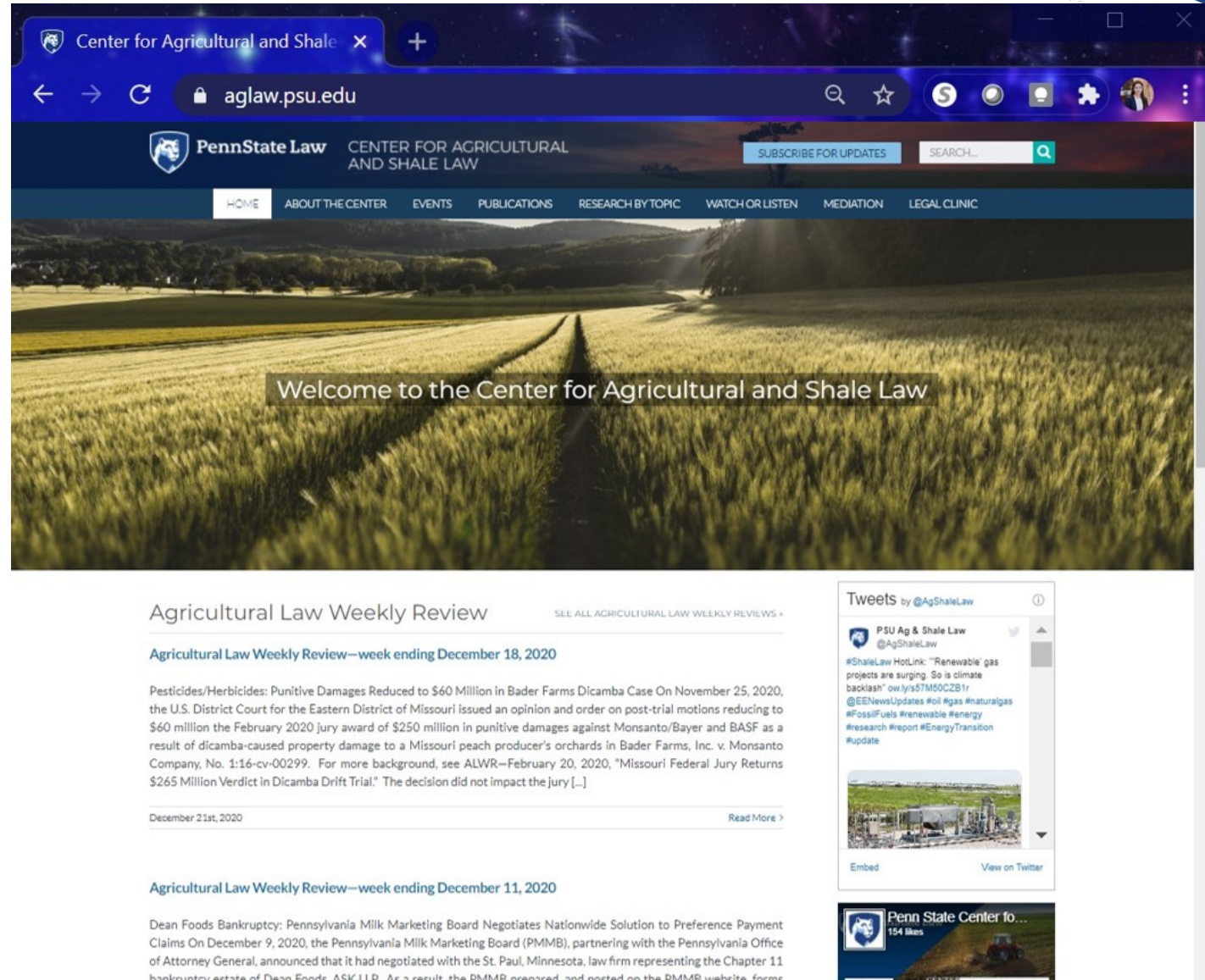
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Pennsylvania Agricultural Mediation Program

Pesticide Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2021



Our Website



The screenshot shows the website for the Center for Agricultural and Shale Law. The browser address bar displays "aglaw.psu.edu". The website header includes the PennState Law logo, the center's name, a "SUBSCRIBE FOR UPDATES" button, and a search bar. A navigation menu lists: HOME, ABOUT THE CENTER, EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH BY TOPIC, WATCH OR LISTEN, MEDIATION, and LEGAL CLINIC. The main content area features a large image of a golden field with a path leading to a distant horizon, overlaid with the text "Welcome to the Center for Agricultural and Shale Law". Below this, there are two article teasers from the "Agricultural Law Weekly Review".

Agricultural Law Weekly Review

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Agricultural Law Weekly Review—week ending December 18, 2020

Pesticides/Herbicides: Punitive Damages Reduced to \$60 Million in Bader Farms Dicamba Case On November 25, 2020, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri issued an opinion and order on post-trial motions reducing to \$60 million the February 2020 jury award of \$250 million in punitive damages against Monsanto/Bayer and BASF as a result of dicamba-caused property damage to a Missouri peach producer's orchards in Bader Farms, Inc. v. Monsanto Company, No. 1:16-cv-00299. For more background, see ALWR—February 20, 2020, "Missouri Federal Jury Returns \$265 Million Verdict in Dicamba Drift Trial!" The decision did not impact the jury [...]

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Dean Foods Bankruptcy: Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board Negotiates Nationwide Solution to Preference Payment Claims On December 9, 2020, the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board (PMMB), partnering with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, announced that it had negotiated with the St. Paul, Minnesota, law firm representing the Chapter 11 bankruptcy estate of Dean Foods. ASK LLP. As a result, the PMMB created, and posted on the PMMB website, forms

Tweets by @AgShaleLaw


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#ShaleLaw HotLink: "Renewable" gas projects are surging. So is climate backlash" [ow.ly/s57M50CZB1r](#)

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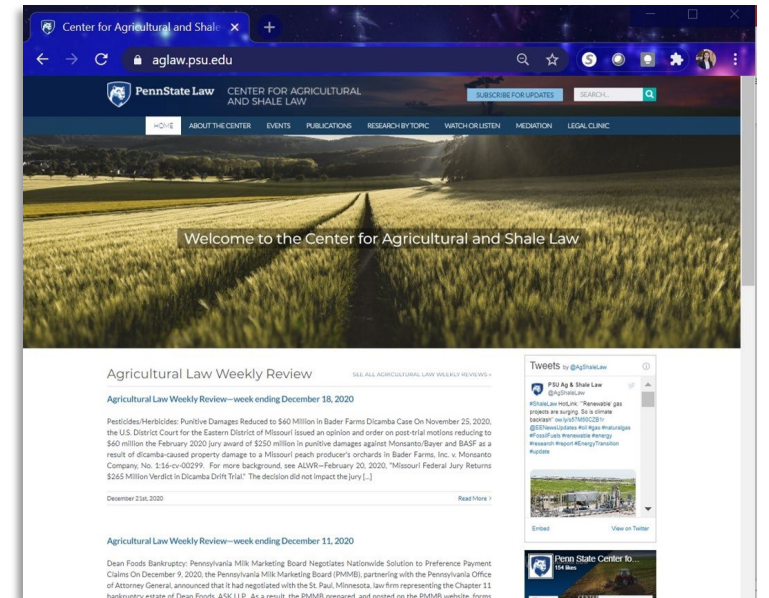
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Pennsylvania Agricultural Mediation Program



- Where does this USDA program come from?
 - In 1988, Congress authorized USDA to develop Certified State Farm Mediation Programs
 - Mediation programs assist agricultural producers, their creditors and various USDA agencies in addressing loan problems, USDA adverse decisions, and other disputes.



History of the PA Ag Mediation Program

2012: USDA certified the
Pennsylvania Agricultural
Mediation Program (PAMP)

2012-2017: the PA Dept.
of Ag operated PAMP

2018: Penn State Law took
over operation of PAMP



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Pa Agricultural Mediation Program

USDA-related issues:

- Agricultural Loans
- Wetlands determinations
- Compliance with farm programs, including conservation programs
- National organic program
- Agricultural Credit
- Rural water loan programs
- Grazing on National Forest System land
- Pesticides



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Non-USDA issues:

- Lease issues; including land leases and equipment leases.
- Family farm transition.
- Farmer-neighbor disputes



Pennsylvania Agricultural Mediation Program

What does this process look like?

1. Producer contacts the PAMP Program Coordinator to initiate the process
2. Parties agree to participate
3. Mediator and program coordinator gather facts for a mediation meeting
4. Mediator evaluates the mediation information & holds mediation session
5. Mediation agreement is executed



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- Why should I consider mediation?
 - Preserves relationships
 - Prevent future disputes
 - Save money (Avoid lawsuits)



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- How much does mediation cost?
 - Currently free
- Who conducts mediation?
 - Impartial 3rd party mediator
- Where are mediations held?
 - Currently via Zoom (normally in-person)
- If an agreement is not reached, the requestor may still seek legal action



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