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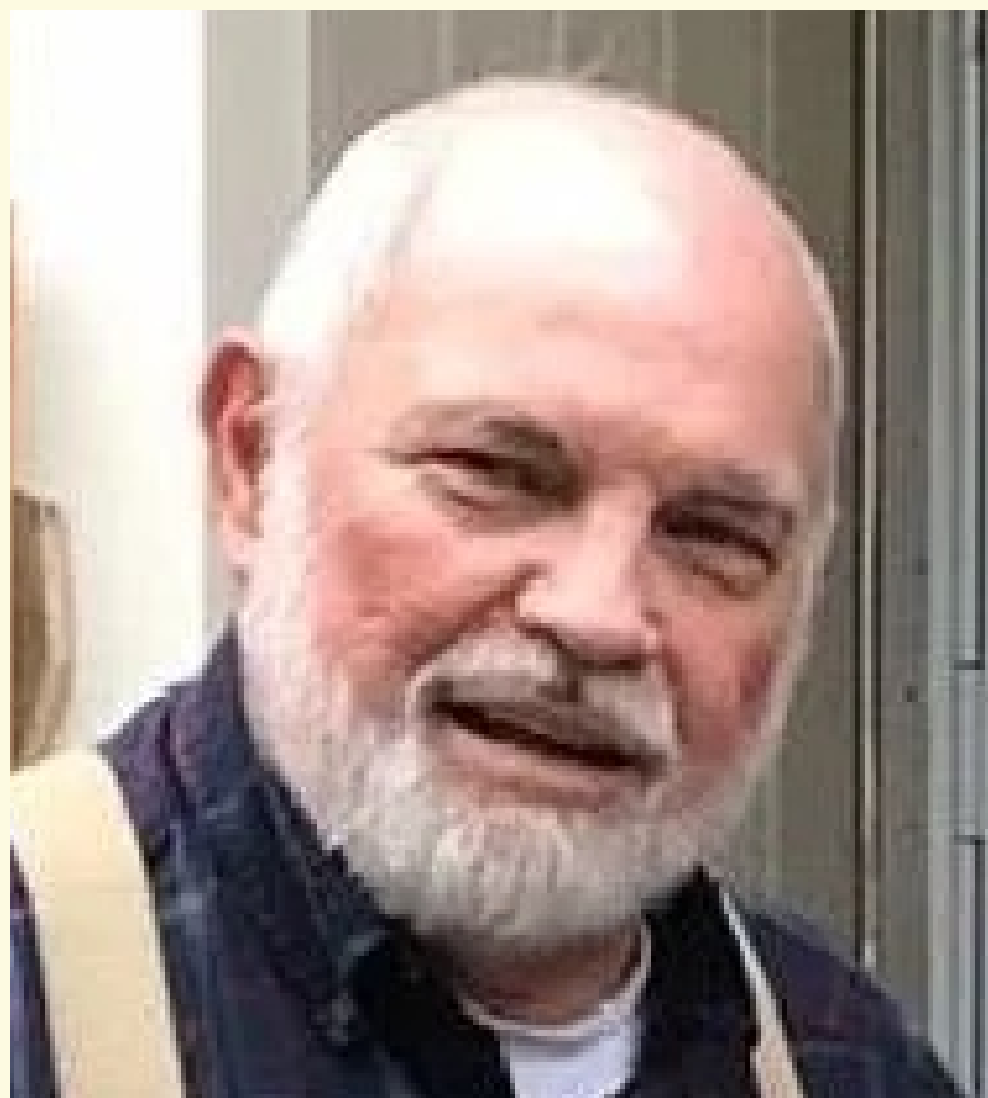
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Remember Cliff Day



Cliff Day

The Pennsylvania agriculture community has lost a devoted educator, and volunteer Clifford Day of Lancaster, Pa. who passed away on February .20, 2022.

Cliff Day taught ag education for 32 years at the Garden Spot High School in New Holland, Pa. When he retired from teaching, he then went on to work at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for ten years.

Bob Lauffer, who taught with Cliff shares, "I learned to value his insights and wealth of knowledge but just as importantly his genuine caring spirit. Cliff had the ability to reach out to and connect with certain students that no one else seemed to be able to."

Kristen Crawford a student of Cliff's back in the late 1980's. said, "I always had a high level of respect for him as my agriculture advisor and teacher."

The Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, Inc. appreciated Cliff for his volunteerism and involvement at the Farm Show. His passion for agricultural education and helping others and his kindness is part of his legacy.

In memory of Cliff Day, long time Ag Educator and Farm Show Volunteer, the Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation Inc. are honored to be supporting significant display improvements to FFA Ag Window Displays. In addition, Friends will be matching the premiums payments for this year's winners. We look forward to seeing the creativity and hard work put forth by this years participants.

We are looking for articles and pictures to publish in the Friends of the Farm Show News.

August/Sept. - Due by July 15
Oct./Nov. - Due by September 15
Dec./Jan - Due by November 15

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**August-September
Newsletter**

**Deadline
is
July 15, 2022**

Junior Dairy Showmanship

L-R: Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Showman, Madison Mower of Shade Gap, Huntingdon County, Grand Champion Junior Dairy Showman, Taylor Heeter of Shade Gap, Huntingdon County and PA State Dairy Princess Mikalya Davis

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Secretary Of Agriculture Announces Funding Opportunity To Support Pennsylvania's Farmer-Veterans

Harrisburg, PA – Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding today invited veterans' services, agricultural and other organizations to apply for funding to deliver grants to military veterans for farm and related business start-ups and expansion.

"Pennsylvania agriculture needs a skilled, work-ready workforce to keep feeding the world," said Secretary Redding. "Veterans return from serving our country with valuable, transferrable skills they can put to work on the farm. Like any other business, they need to finance planning, safety, permits, equipment and other critical needs. These grants are one way we can thank our veterans for their service and feed their future success in agriculture."

The opportunity is available through Governor Tom Wolf's Pennsylvania Farm Bill and the Agriculture Business Development Center. The center will fund up to three \$100,000 grants to organizations which will in turn offer grants of up to \$10,000 to individual military veterans for agricultural business needs. The subgrants to veterans can support a diverse range of expenses from food safety and biosecurity planning to equipment, marketing and working capital.

According to a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture, Pennsylvania is home to more than 7,000 military veterans identified as agricultural producers. This program aims to support their success in Pennsylvania's \$132.5 billion agriculture industry to continue feeding Pennsylvania and the world.

Since taking office, Governor Wolf has prioritized agriculture, investing more than \$50 million in grants, loans, and tax credits in his first three years in office to help Pennsylvania farmers expand operations, upgrade equipment, fund conservation practices, and preserve their farms. Since 2019, through the historic PA Farm Bill, the administration has invested another \$53 million in Pennsylvania agriculture, with a commitment to invest another \$13.6 million by June 1, 2022.

The PA Farm Bill increased support for the PA Preferred® Homegrown By Heroes program, which helps farmer-veterans market their locally grown products to feed consumer demand.

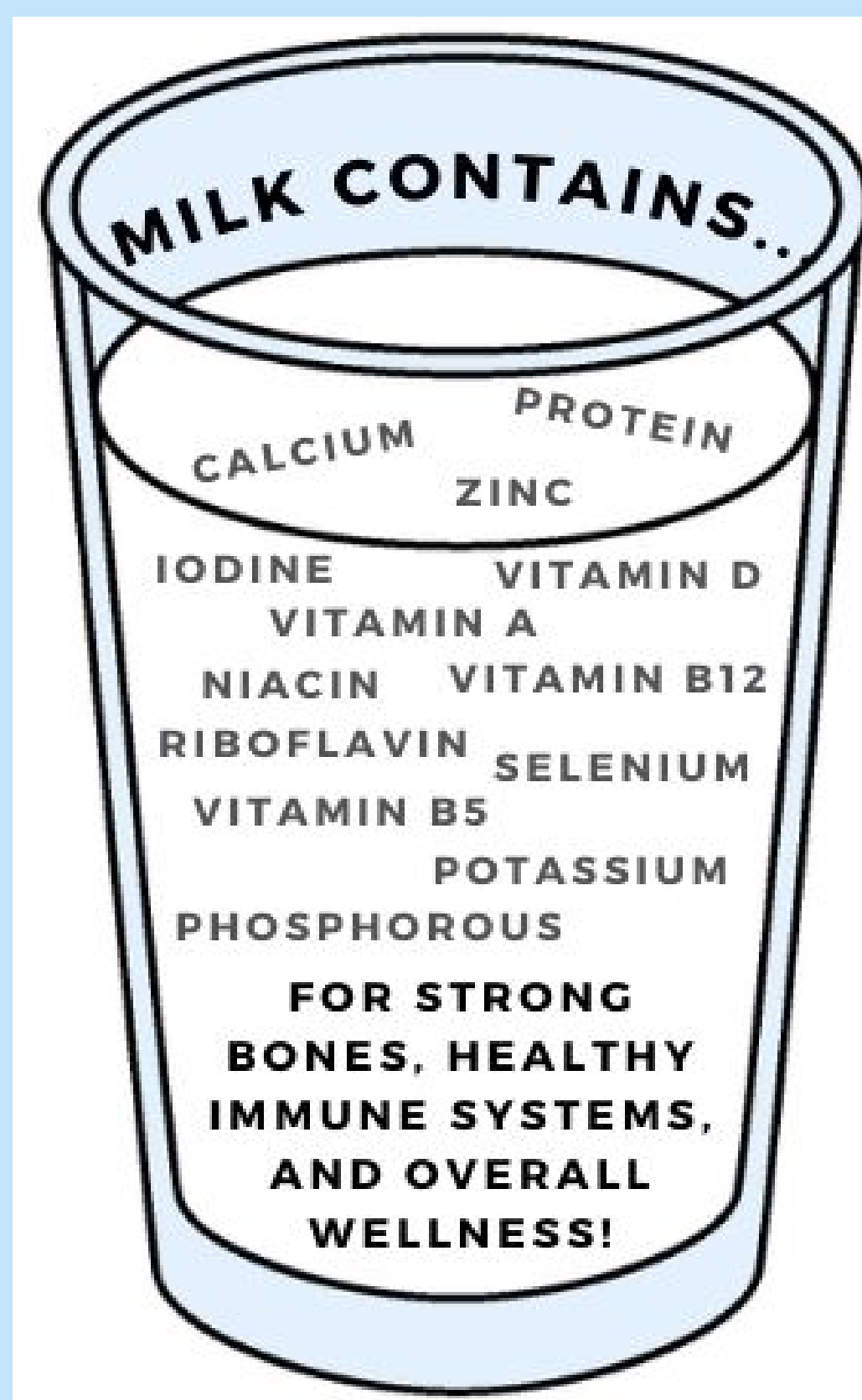
Full guidelines for the new grants can be found in the PA Bulletin.

Organizations must submit applications online using the Department of Community and Economic Development's Electronic Single Application, by Friday, June 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Applicants who have questions may contact Joshua Scheinberg, at (717) 919-0377 or jscheinber@pa.gov.

View a map of PA Farm Bill funding highlights and learn more about initiatives and investments to grow, protect and sustain Pennsylvania's agriculture industry at agriculture.pa.gov.

Drink Milk!



The 2023 Farm Show is 7 months away. Have you prepared? You might think that is a trivial question but for most exhibitors, preparation happens year-round.

Memorial Day week is a great reminder to all vegetable exhibitors to make sure your gardens are planted. This is the first task in exhibiting vegetables at the Farm Show. By the first week of June, Pennsylvania has had hopefully the last frost for spring and plants can be put outside to grow during the summer season. Although it is too late in the spring for cold weather crops to be planted such as beets, cabbage and carrots, you can still plant squash, pumpkins and gourds by seed to have them ready to exhibit at the show.

If a traditional garden isn't possible for where you live, maybe a container garden might be a great solution. Container gardens should also be planted at this time as well. Choosing the perfect container and the correct seeds for the size container is often the most important decision in this growing environment. Container gardening can be the perfect start for youth exhibitors looking to get their hands dirty!



Beautiful arrangement of vegetables at Farm Show.

enter. From carrots and kohlrabi to pumpkins and turnips, there is something for all vegetable exhibitors for all ages. If you have planted a variety of vegetables, take a look at the market basket classes and enter a selection of all of your vegetables. Find the sample class listing here: farmshow.pa.gov, click on exhibits and select Rules & Regulations.

Happy growing! We look forward to seeing what you produce and enter at the 2023 PA Farm Show!



Lettuce on display at the PA Farm Show 2022.
Farm Show Vegetable entry Deadline is Jan. 4, 2023.

Haven't purchased your seeds yet? Rohrer Seeds, one of the Farm Show sponsors, has the best variety of local seeds for our area. Located right in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the company is knowledgeable about what to plant and how to grow the most delicious and competition ready vegetables.

The Farm Show has close to 150 vegetable classes to



John Rauch of New Tripoli, Lehigh County placed Best of Show with his extra large pumpkin in the Field Vegetable Entry in January 2020.

Ties That Bind

Scrubgrass Stitchers Guild met at the Scrubgrass Grange Hall in Emlenton, Pa. on Monday May 3rd to attend Beverly Gruber's presentation, "Ties that Bind" which included information on her collection of over seventy aprons that go back decades.



Gruber shared that many of us may think of grandma baking that apple pie or Aunt Jane carving the Thanksgiving turkey. For some aprons symbolized status or occupation and other aprons were worn to keep our clothes from getting dirty. In the days when a woman's place was unquestionably in the home, one thing that women had was a drawer full of neatly ironed aprons. There were practical ones for everyday, and cute ones for when company was coming.

Whether a functional or elaborate apron they reflect craftsmanship, beauty and are classics of American Folk art.

Gruber shared that the first apron was made by Adam and Eve when they sewed figs leaves together. The name apron comes from the French word "napron" which Gruber said during the middle ages was an extra piece of cloth tied over a woman's skirt before she sat down at the table.

Aprons were made of animal skin

and worn by men, in their jobs as blacksmith's, cobblers, woodworkers, and tanners. Colors were designated per profession: blue for gardeners, spinners, and weavers, green for butlers, and white for masons.

In the 18th century apron fabrics were cambric and silk as ladies started to wear aprons for dress-up with embroidery, ruffles, ribbons and bows being added.

Into the 19th century aprons continued to change shared Gruber with the design of the "allover" apron that had armholes for women to use when working in their good clothes.

In the early 1920's special work projects for farm youth were developed shared Gruber, 4-H was adapted in 1913. The "Mother Hubbard" style apron was worn which had broad shoulder strap and ties and protected the entire dress and were often made from cotton prints and had pockets.

In the 1930's most women made their aprons with McCall's or Butterick pattern cost 15 cents. It was also commonplace to use grain feed sacks from the feed mill. They came in beautiful designs.

The 1940's brought more fabrics, decorations and less use of the bib apron. You would find rick-rack, crocheted appliques, smocking, stencil, and embroidery.

Skipping forward to the 1980's more men were wearing aprons as barbequing became popular.

Gruber said that aprons recalls a time, a place, a story, a face, it is because of these important ties that we must treasure our aprons and recognize the threads which they sew among us and the stories they tell about us.



Beverly Gruber holds up an apron made by mother which still has the blue ribbon she won at the PA Farm Show.



Beverly Gruber is showing an example of how fancy aprons were becoming for social events.



Two beautiful examples of the handcrafted crocheted aprons.

June Is National Dairy Month

June is National Dairy month and what better way to celebrate than by thinking about all the dairy industry has to offer at the 2023 Farm Show! So let's kick back with our favorite cone-full in hand and moo-ve on into exploring dairy at the Farm Show.

The Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation Inc. is a proud sponsor of the Calving Corner, known as the cornerstone of "Destination Dairy" in the Northeast Hall. In addition to showcasing live births, this exhibit offers a firsthand look at the Pennsylvania Dairy industry and provides educational learning activities for children. Each year, four dairy farms share their story with visitors. 17 calves were born from these dairy farms at the 2022 PA Farm Show. Along with the other 480,000 Pennsylvania dairy cows, these calves will grow up to contribute to PA ranking 7th in total milk production in the US and being a leader in production of butter, hard and soft ice cream and swiss cheese.

Speaking of which, these items remind us of a few of our other Farm Show favorites: the butter sculpture, honey ice cream and the cheese competition!

The Farm Show butter sculpture has been featured at the show since 2011. Naturally, the sculpture highlights dairy products and farming scenes on an annual basis. After the show, the butter is collected and sent to a local dairy farm. It's placed in a digester (a renewable technology that uses livestock manure to produce methane, resulting in electrical energy generation).



The Calving Corner at the PA Farm Show: Intern Ryan enjoyed talking to all who stopped by the Calving Corner as he shared information about dairy farming.

Honey ice cream is offered all week long by the Pennsylvania Bee Keeper's. The smooth treat is offered in a variety of flavors in the Food Court. Pair it with a waffle for breakfast and you're off to a great start at the Farm Show! Creameries across the commonwealth submit their homemade cheeses for judging prior to the Farm Show. Classes of soft, semi-soft, semi-hard and hard cheeses are judging in categories including cow milk, goat milk, sheep milk, mixed milk and cheese from all milk. Visit the PA Cheese Guild in the Farmers Market (Main Hall) area to sample your favorites and take home to enjoy.

The seven breeds of dairy show cattle (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn and Red and White) are in house beginning Wednesday of Farm Show week, with the Supreme Champion Cow being named on Friday afternoon. The Celebrity Cow Milking Contest takes place following the Supreme selection and is a fast-paced event where local superstars attempt to hand milk the most amount of milk from a cow.

Can't wait for the Farm Show to enjoy a fan favorite milk shake? Visit the PA Dairymen's Association website to view where their next pop-up milkshake event will take place!

Take it from the Pennsylvania State Dairy Princesses and celebrate June as National Dairy Month!

Since 1939, June has been celebrated as National Dairy Month. It is a month when we recognize the hard work of our dairy farmers and other members of the dairy industry as well as the nutritious products that they provide for our world. The PA State Dairy Princess team of Mikayla Davis, Kelly Bliss, and Crystal Bomgardner have dedicated their year to representing the Pennsylvania Dairy Industry and below they share how important this month is to them.

Mikayla Davis

Farmers work 24/7, seven days a week taking care of their cows so they can produce wholesome, nutritious milk. Hi, my name is Mikayla Davis, the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess from Berks County. Growing up on a dairy farm and previously working on one, I understand the hard work and dedication that farmers must exert to own a successful farm. Dairy farmers make sure their cows always have fresh feed and water available to them. They give them fresh bedding to lay on, so they stay comfortable. It is a farmer's job to make sure their cows are happy so they can produce wholesome milk. The next time you see a farmer, make sure you thank them for all the hard work they do to produce such a quality product.

Kelly Bliss

I am Kelly Bliss, the Pennsylvania Alternate Dairy Princess from Huntingdon County. My passion for dairy comes from my interest in the future of the dairy industry. The dairy industry is committed to preserving the land and natural resources they utilize to ensure they can produce a wholesome product for years to come. Did you know that many dairy farmers use



The Pennsylvania Dairy Princesses Team, Crystal Bomgardner Alternate Dairy Princess, Mikayla Davis PA Dairy Princess, and Emily Bliss, Alternate Dairy Princess. promoting National Dairy Month.

state of the art advancements to plant and harvest crops as well as care for their cattle? With these advancements, producing one gallon of milk takes 30% less water, 21% less land, and creates a 19% smaller carbon footprint than it did in 2007. This June, I encourage you to learn just how much progress our farmers and members of our industry are making to ensure our product is nutritious as well as sustainable.

Crystal Bomgardner

Hello, my name is Crystal Bomgardner, the Pennsylvania Alternate Dairy Princess from Lebanon County. As a high school

athlete, I know the importance of refueling after a vigorous workout or game. Due to this knowledge, I choose to drink chocolate milk. Chocolate milk has just the right balance of carbohydrates and proteins to help refuel your muscles and recover after a practice or workout. Chocolate milk also contains 13 essential nutrients, including many that are not found in other recovery drinks. Chocolate milk is a delicious way to receive your three servings of dairy every single day. Next time you come off the court, field, track or gym grab yourself a nice cool, refreshing, and nutritious chocolate milk.

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The All-American Dairy Show features nearly 2,000 of the top dairy cattle shown by over 1,000 of the best exhibitors in the U.S. and Canada. With 23 dairy shows in five days, including four days dedicated to youth shows, contests and programs, the All-American Dairy Show is the premier stop on the tanbark trail!

The 2022 All American Dairy Show and Premier National Junior Show invites you to participate in this year's "Walk of Fame." Mark your calendars to register early. Registration by August 17 is only \$20 per animal for the Junior Show and \$30 per animal for the All-American Dairy Show. Registration doubles August 18 to August 31.

Looking to support the show? There are many ways you can be a corporate sponsor or a show sponsor by filling out the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxekta> (wordpress.com) or emailing Michele Reasner at jemi@earthlink.net.

Trade show booths are now available! Put your company in front of over 1000 of the best exhibitors in the United States and Canada. With a full five-day schedule, your company is sure to meet agriculture producers interested in your products. Interested in being a vendor? Fill out the form located here: 2022 All-American Dairy Show Sponsorship (wordpress.com)



KEYSTONE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW COMPLEX & EXPO CENTER
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition, to be held September 30 to October 9, 2022, promises to be a high-quality show for equine, beef, sheep, goats and swine. The show continues to serve as a launch event for the national show season with many breed champions continuing to other national shows.

Interested in sponsoring the show? Check out the website at Sponsors | KILE (keystonelivestockexpo.com) to choose how you are interested in supporting the show.

Keystone International Livestock Expo

As one of the nation's premier livestock shows featuring more than 800 national competitors showing 3,000 cattle, goats, sheep, swine and horses. The show also holds a national judging competition, a Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned competition and more. Be sure to visit the trade show to stock up on all your livestock show needs.

New this year

The breeding swine and barrow on-foot swine shows will be held the first weekend- September 29 to October 2 along with the market goat, boer goat and ranch riding shows.

Opening Ceremony

Opening Ceremonies will be held on **October 6 at 3:00 pm** where the Pennsylvania Livestock Association and Keystone International Livestock Expo will present awards to the Livestock Hall of Fame winner and all of the youth scholarship awards.

The 6 horse hitch show is a huge hit and will be held on **Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8.**

Agri-Kid Olympics

Back by popular demand by the kids- Agri-Kid Olympics held on **Saturday, October 8 at noon** in the trade show.

Supreme Champion Beef Pageant

The Supreme Champion Beef Pageant will be **Saturday evening, October 8.**

Keystone Classic BBQ

The Keystone Classic BBQ event will also house a Steak Cook-off event on **Friday, October 7** sanctioned by the Steak Cook-off Association.

Sheep and Lamb Youth Showmanship

The Junior Breeding Sheep Youth Showmanship and Market Lambs Youth Showmanship will be held **Saturday, October 8.**

Draft Horses

The Draft Horse, Haflinger, Draft Pony Show will be held in the Equine Arena on **Saturday, October 8.**

Visit website at: <https://www.keystonelivestockexpo.com>



Kile Announces Judges!

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition being held at the Farm Show Complex September 30t to October 9, 2022 is proud to announce the 2022 judges:

Swine:

Seth Ebert, Ashland, OH
Jason Corry, Painted Post, NY

Goat:

Terry Burks, Bowling Green, KY
Chris Fleming, Paxon, IL
Rusty Lee, Winder, GA

Ranch Riding:

Kevin Jewell, Conyers, GA
Jim Isley, Reidsville, NC

Beef Cattle:

Dr. Jon DeClerck, College Station, TX
Shirley Kaufman, Mount Sydney, VA
Danny Davis, Maple Hill, KS 11
John Spiker, Jane Lew, WV
Kyler Perez, Nara Visa, NM
Adam Hayes, Kingwood, WV

Sheep:

Alex Wolf, Upper Sandusky, OH
Kate Bostek, Fairfield, PA
Katherine Kuykendall, Richland Center, WI
Mike Stitzlein, Ashland, OH
Steve Myers, Rushsylvania, OH

More information on all of the judges can be found at: Judges | KILE ([keystonelivestockexpo.com](https://www.keystonelivestockexpo.com)).



Farm Show Sponsorship

Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation Inc. Sponsorship
Each January, 500,000 friends and families gather in Harrisburg to celebrate Pennsylvania agriculture. We teach and learn about where our food comes from, we compete with our agricultural products, we enjoy the fruits of farm family labors and we recognize those who provide us with this nourishment.

Join us by being a sponsor as we embark on this great adventure for the 2023 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

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Go to the survey at:

<https://tinyurl.com/3m2ma2ma>



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An invitation is extended to any person, association, corporate/business or farm/family interested in assisting with our support of the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Contributions to become a friend are \$65 annually or \$500 lifetime. All friends will be included on the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, Inc. website and will receive a Friendship card and commemorative pin. As a friend, you are eligible to participate in the organization of educational programs, events, and incentives throughout the duration of the Farm Show. For more information you may visit the website at www.friendsoffarmshow.com or contact Gerald Reichard at 717-729-7158 or farmshowfriends@gmail.com.

To become a friend, complete the form and send it along with a check made payable to the "Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, Inc."

As a charitable, non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3), all donations are considered tax deductible charitable contributions.

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PA Farm Show Complex and Expo Events

Held every Sunday	Flea Market held at the Elmerton Avenue parking lot.
June 13-19, 2022	Amadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc. Religious
Held every Tuesday & Friday	Farmers Market (complex parking lot Wildwood Drive)
June 19, 2022	US Junior National Basketball Tournament
June 21 - July 1, 2022	American Dairy Goat Association Show
July 16, 2022	Harrisburg Dessert Festival
July 27, 2022	Mecum Collector Car Auction

Please visit the PA Farm Show website at:

<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/events/Pages/Calendar.aspx>