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The Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that was developed to stimulate, facilitate, and support educational programs, incentives, and events relating to the annual Farm Show event.

PA Farm Show Trivia by the Numbers...

Over 68,000 cars parked on 3 Farm Show managed lots.

PA State Police successfully reunited several lost parents, settled one domestic dispute, and cheerfully greeted protesters.

Jr. Committee graciously spent over 124 hours picking up trash.

Farm Show Security logged over 192 lost and found items – 35 returned to the owner.

33 committees with 404 committee volunteers successfully completed all competitive events.

146 judges had the difficult job of sorting through all our competitive event classes.

18,750 trash bags filled.

28.53 tons of trash disposed of.

763,200 feet of paper towels were used to dry hands.

1,476,000 feet of toilet paper gone.

13,400 oz of hand soap cleaned hands.

6,000 pairs of rubber gloves kept staff safe.

424 hvac filter changes have occurred since Farm Show closed. Only 358 more to go.

**Check out the
2023 PA Farm Show Recap**

https://youtu.be/Ym_liHI8NSI

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

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Sunflowers: Seeds to Consumer Exhibit was displayed at the 2023 PA Farm Show.

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Senator Rothman wins the Celebrity Feed Scurry

People filled the Equine Arena to watch the 4th Annual PA Farm Show Celebrity Feed Scurry on Tuesday, January 10 at the PA Farm Show Complex.

The Celebrity Feed Scurry is one of the largest fundraisers held for The Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc.

This year's event showcased 26 competitors driving draft horse teams who had to proceed through an obstacle course which included several stops during a pickup and drop off of straw bales simulating feeding livestock in the pasture, while maneuvering these giant animals.

The list of teams with sponsors are:

1st Place: Senator Greg Rothman sponsored by Orrstown Bank.

2nd Place: Representative Barb Gleim sponsored by PA Farm Bureau.

3rd Place: Representative Eddie Day Pashinski sponsored by Mark Hershey Farms, Inc.

4th Place: Senator Elder Vogel sponsored by PA Association of Milk Dealers.

5th Place: Representative David Zimmerman sponsored by H.R. Ewell, Inc.

6th Place: Deputy Secretary Greg Hostetter sponsored by Zook Molasses Co.



Senator Rothman won 1st Place in the Pa Farm Show Celebrity Feed scurry.

7th Place: Andrea Foore PLA President sponsored by PA Livestock Association.

8th Place: Anna Halderman PA State Fair Queen sponsored by PA State Association of County Fairs.

9th Place: Representative Ed Neilson, Pro Power Equipment.

10th Place: Senator Chris Dush sponsored by PA Dairymen's Association.

11th Place: Representative Mindy Fee sponsored by Kreider's Farms.

12th Place: Representative Torren Ecker sponsored by Adams Electric Cooperative.

13th Place: Representative Dawn Keefer sponsored by Fulton Bank.

14th Place: Representative Perry Stambaugh sponsored by Lancaster Farming.

15th Place: Debra Kohr Sheppard PCN President, sponsored by Standardbred Horse Sales Co.

16th Place: Representative Emily Kinkad sponsored by Horizon Farm Credit.

17th Place: Representative Liz Hanbidge sponsored by Bell & Evans.

18th Place: Representative David Delloso sponsored by PA Equine Council.

19th Place: Representative Keith Greiner sponsored by Keystone Crop Insurance Services.

20th Place: Representative Dan Moul sponsored by Hanover Shoe Farms.

21st Place: Jeff Cohick sponsored by Cohick & Associates.

22nd Place: Representative Sheryl Delozier sponsored by PA Bankers Association.

23rd Place: Senator Kristin Phillips Hill sponsored by Keystone Farm Future.

24th Place: Senator Judy Ward, sponsored by Versant Strategies.

25th Place: Valerie Pritchett ABC 27/Sidney Miller, Miss Pennsylvania sponsored Penn Ag Industries Association.

26th Place: Luke Bernstein, PA Chamber of Commerce sponsored by F&M Trust.

**Thank you
to all the teams
and sponsors
for your support
of the
Celebrity Feed
Scurry!**

2023 EU Agriculture Colleagues Visit the 107th PA Farm Show



During a delegation tour of the Farm Show, the team poses for a picture. From left, Thomas Schmidt, International Research Specialist of the PA Department of Community & Economic Development; Juraťė Usevičiūtė, First secretary from Lithuania; Finbar Brown, Agriculture & Food Counsellor from Ireland; Alvar Soosaar, Director of US Investment and Trade from Estonia, PA Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding, Karolis Anužis, Agriculture Attaché from Lithuania, David Briel, Deputy Secretary, Office of International Business Development at the PA Department of Community & Economic Development, Michael Roth, Director of Policy of the PA Department of Agriculture, and Kristina Watson, Agriculture Trade Specialist for the PA Department of Agriculture.



Juraťė Usevičiūtė, First secretary from Lithuania; Alvar Soosaar, Director of US Investment and Trade from Estonia; Finbar Brown, Agriculture & Food Counsellor from Ireland; and Karolis Anužis, Agriculture Attaché from Lithuania, learn about felling trees from Jonathan Geyer, Executive Director of the Hardwoods Development Council at the PA Department of Agriculture.

The EU Agriculture Colleagues met with Secretary Redding at the 107th PA Farm Show. They stopped at key commodities, including mushrooms, hardwoods, apples, maple, honeybees, etc. Some items discussed in more detail were mushrooms, hardwoods, hemp, and retailers.

Another interest was learning more about PA commodities and how our companies operate. There was also interest in potential trade through the Port of Philadelphia.

Also on tour were Deputy Secretary David Briel and International Research Specialist Tom Schmitt of DCED's Office of International Business Development.

The Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, Inc. would like to extend a

Thank You!

to **PCN** for the coverage of the 107th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

PCNTV has been covering the Farm Show for over 25 years!

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Billie Picture



Beverly



Jason

Friends of the Farm Show Foundation Inc. Announces 1st Place Winners in the Coloring Contest

Congratulations Adalee, age 9 - Billy, Callie, age 6 - Beverly, and Winston, age 5 - Jason who are the First-place winners in the PA Farm Show Coloring Contest

The winners will each receive a \$10 Dairy Queen gift card, provided by The Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc.



Cliff Day Memorial Display Cases

The Greenwood School FFA members working on their display in the McClay Street lobby.

The Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc. provided the new display cases in memory of Cliff Day. The Friends also matched the state premiums, providing a payout of twice as much to each school.

Pennsylvania Farm Show Junior Committee 2023 Auction Surpasses Goal!

On Saturday, January 14, the Pennsylvania Farm Show Junior Committee held its third annual auction. Each year the 13 members of the Junior Committee spend their time leading up to the Farm Show and during the Farm Show, preparing for their auction.

Before and during the Farm Show, Junior Committee members contact local businesses and commercial vendors of the Farm Show for donations. The generosity of these businesses help to make a successful auction. This year they had 68 baskets.



Caleb Miller showcasing an item to the attendees that is up for auction.

Another piece to a successful auction is the bidders. Junior Committee members also spend time inviting people to the auction. They had a record turnout, filling every seat at the Main Hall Stage. In attendance was Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson, as well as many others supporters of the Farm Show.

Another responsibility of the auction that the Junior Committee members takes care of is contacting an auctioneer. This year, the auctioneer, who donated her time along with her family, was Katelyn Callahan.



L-R: Ryleigh Libell (a helper), Anna Haldeman, Amanda Hollabaugh, Nina Coolidge, Nathaniel Turner, Mikayla Hagerty (advisor), Paul Smith, Caitlyn Clark, Erica Teagarden, and Abby O'Neill!

All of the profits made from the auction will go directly to the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation. The Foundation will put the money towards sponsoring events at the 2024 Farm Show and the Junior Committee. This year the goal of the auction was \$5,000. As prices were up from last year, that was likely to be possible. At the end of the auction, the Junior Committee members totaled the clerk sheets to find that they had made \$5,302, exceeding their goal for this year and almost doubling their total from last year.



Local businesses and Farm Show vendors provided auction items.

The Junior Committee would like to send out a special thank you to all who supported the auction this year. The auction was a great success with everyone's generosity.



The Junior Committee hosted their 3rd Annual Auction to raise money for The Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation Inc.



Congressman "GT" Thompson and Erica Teagarden.

Sunflowers: Seeds to Consumers

The Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, Inc., in partnership with Dieffenbach's, Keystone Farm Future, Penn State Extension and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture produced a brand new exhibit for Farm Show attendees this year.

The **Sunflowers: Seeds to Consumers** display, whose main focus was to teach about how sunflowers are being grown and used in the Keystone State, included a variety of areas for Farm Show goers to explore. A main attraction was the two photo booth opportunities that included sunflower backdrops with an Uglies® Kettle Chip sample afterwards.

Dieffenbach's uses sunflower oil to create the distinct flavor of the Uglies® Kettle Chip. Their team created a mock-up of the potato chip process from start to finish. Dieffenbach's handed out 21,760 one-ounce samples for a total of 1,360 pounds of potato chips!

Greg Roth, a Professor Emeritus of Agronomy from Penn State, had a working sunflower press on display to show how sunflowers go from seed to meal and oil.

Keystone Farm Future supplied life-size steers, which showed the importance of sunflower meal to livestock.

The sunflower team would like to thank all of those who came by the display to learn all about the importance of sunflowers.



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2023 Pennsylvania Fair Queen Crowned

Lebanon Area Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner of Lebanon County was crowned the 2023 Pennsylvania Fair Queen on Saturday, January 21 at the 110th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs (PSACF) and Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association.

58 contestants were evaluated by a panel of three judges on their written and speaking skills, knowledge of the fair and agriculture industries, and their poise and personal presentation in business attire.

Chloe is the daughter of Corwin and Tara Bomgardner. Agriculture and the Lebanon Area Fair have always been an important part of her life. She assists her family with raising holstein show heifers, dairy beef, chickens and market hogs. She is an active member of the Northern Lebanon FFA Chapter, serving as vice president. She is also a current president of the NorLebCo 4-H Dairy Club. Chloe enjoys participating in the Lebanon Area Fair by showing her animals and volunteering in fair food



2023 Pennsylvania Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner of Lebanon County.
Photo: Courtesy of Tim McGowan Studios

stands. Her future plans include attending college to major in Large Animal Science.

York State Fair Queen Sarah Rehmeier, 18, of York County was selected as 2023 Alternate. The daughter of William and Lisa Rehmeier, Sarah's ag experience started at age 6 as a member of the York County 4-H Goat Club and continued as a member of FFA

during high school. She has volunteered with various 4-H and STEM events as well as the York County Birthing Center. She is currently attending college studying Analytical Chemistry.

Other top five finalists were New Holland Farmers Fair Queen Kendell Moats; Fayette County Fair Queen Isabel Poorbaugh; and Huntingdon County Fair Queen Evangeline McGargle. Abigail Jerome of Luzerne County was chosen as Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

Chloe and Sarah will each receive a scholarship from the PSACF at the end of their reigns in January 2024. Chloe was crowned by outgoing Pennsylvania Fair Queen Anna Haldeman of the Manheim Community Farm Show, and Sarah was crowned by outgoing Alternate Rebecca Williamson of the American Legion County Fair.

Chloe, the 37th state queen, will travel the state this year representing Pennsylvania's rich agricultural heritage and serving as an ambassador for the PSACF and the PA Department of Agriculture.



2023 Pennsylvania Fair Queen Alternate Sarah Rehmeier of York County and 2023 Pennsylvania Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner of Lebanon County.
Photo: Courtesy of Tim McGowan Studios.



L-R: Miss Congeniality Abigail Jerome from Columbia County; Finalist Evangeline McGargle from Huntingdon County; 2023 Alternate Sarah Rehmeier of York County; 2023 PA Fair Queen Chloe Bomgardner of Lebanon County; Finalist Isabel Poorbaugh of Fayette County; and Finalist Kendall Moats of Lancaster County.
Photo: Courtesy of Tim McGowan Studios.

2023 PA Farm Show Scholarship Winners



Scholarship award recipients Samuel Anderson, David Bell, Lydia Brown, Elizabeth Bruner, Sen. Joe Pittman, Nina Coolidge, Emma Diiberti, Alli Jobe, Hannah Kromer, Olivia Leshar, Emma Musser, Chloe Plesic, Tayler Rafferty, joined by Secretary Redding and Tom Moyer.

Photo: Courtesy of PA Department of Agriculture



The PA State Showman's Association presented the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation with a \$28,869 donation raised from the carousel at the 2023 PA Farm Show. Thank you to the Showman for the record-breaking donation!

L-R: Mike Firestine, PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Treasurer, Donna Kramer, PA State Showmen's Association Treasurer, Jana Mellott, PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Board Member, and Representative David Zimmerman, PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Board Member

Did you know that when you **ride** the PA State Showmen's **Carousel** at the PA Farm Show, **100%** of the money collected from **ticket sales** is given back in **scholarships** through The PA State Showmen's Association and The PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation?



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