



# Friends of the Farm Show News

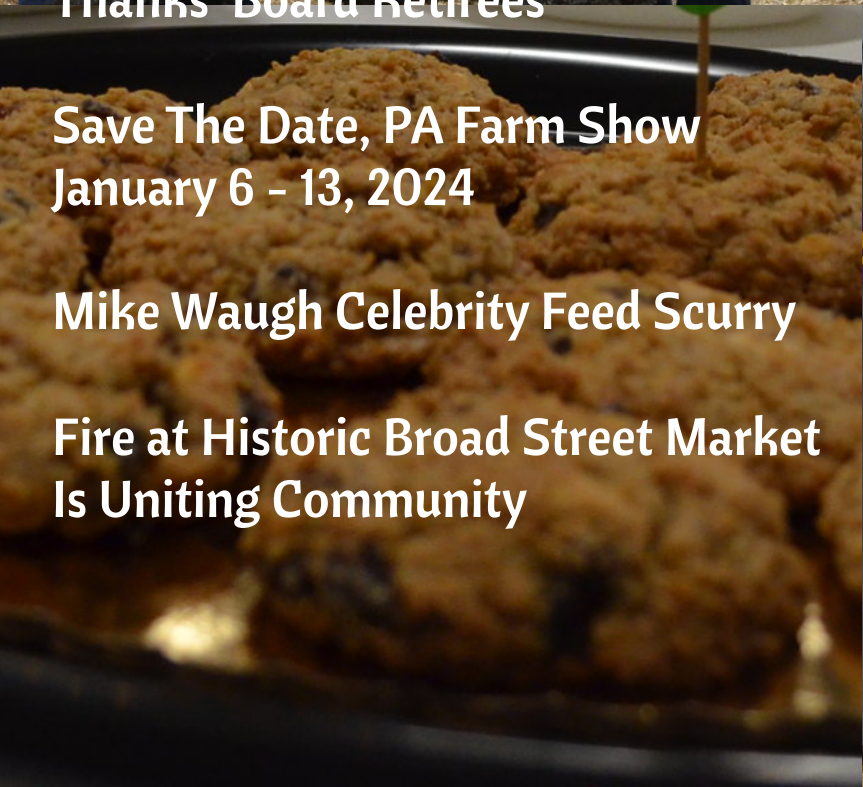


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January 6 - 13, 2024

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The Friends of the  
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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.



The 2024 PA Farm Show is fast approaching with reaching the halfway point of six months till the event. Please make sure to review the many opportunities by participating in the PA Farm Show whether by exhibiting, competing, or being a sponsor.

Mark your calendars for  
Saturday, January 6 through January 13, 2024.

We look forward to seeing you at the  
108th Pennsylvania Farm Show!

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

Oct.-Nov. - Due by September 1, 2023  
Dec.-Jan. - Due by November 1, 2023  
Feb.- March Due by January 1, 2024

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Oct. - Nov.  
Newsletter  
**Deadline**  
is  
**September 1, 2023**

Cover Photo:: 2023 Oatmeal Cookie Contest The plate of fifth place cookies, made by Debra Martin Berkoski of Conestoga, Lancaster County.  
PA Farm Show 2023 Junior Meat Breeding Goat Alyvia Lankey of Bedford, PA, and her Grand Champion Percentage Doe  
2023 Junior Breeding Sheep Showmanship Katie Miller of Cumberland County places first in the 2003-05 division and placed first overall in the  
Junior Breeding Sheep Showmanship Competition.  
2023 Tractor Square Dance A participant in tractor square dancing drives his tractor during the event.

Photo Credit: PA Department of Agriculture



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# Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc. Picnic

Friends and board members gathered for an afternoon of food and conversation on June 11 at the Lebanon Valley Exposition Center & Fairgrounds for the annual Friends of the Farm Show Foundation Inc. picnic. This yearly event celebrates all the Foundation has done and is a way to thank those who are or have become a Friend. With the support of its Friends and sponsors, the Foundation has been able to contribute over \$1.8 million in support of the Pennsylvania Farm Show educational activities.

About 50 Friends attended and enjoyed steaks grilled perfectly by Vice-Chairman Mike Firestine, with sides and desserts supplied by those in attendance. Conversations flowed freely as everyone enjoyed their meals. Treasurer Larry Weaver gave a report of all the Foundation has done this past year as well as thanking everyone for their support. Vice-Chairman Mike Firestine introduced board members and special guests that were in attendance, while also recognizing recently retired board member Beverly Gruber.

No guest went home empty-handed. Each attendee was able to put their name in a hat to win a door prize. It was exciting to see what everyone picked and what they received. There were smiles all around throughout the afternoon.

A big thank you is extended to Debby Griffith and Rachel Schlegel who organized the picnic and arranged the door prize event.

The board members would like to thank all those in attendance and those who couldn't make it for their continued support. If you are interested in becoming a Friend or want to learn more about us, visit our website at [www.friendsoffarmshow.com](http://www.friendsoffarmshow.com).

Photos: Rachel Schlegel



The first step in grilling the perfect steak may be getting the grill going, but coming at a close second is prepping the picnic table. Pictured left to right include: Martene Firestine, Special Advisor Gerry Reichard, Brett Reichard, and Brinton Schlegel.



Rep. David Zimmerman addresses the group with updates on agriculture.



Mike Firestine takes some time to introduce board members and special guests, while Executive Deputy Secretary Greg Hostetter grins at the camera.



Vice-Chairman Mike Firestine grills up made-to-order steaks to kick off the 2023 picnic.



# 2024 PA Farm Show Exhibits

## 2024 Pennsylvania Farm Show

**Guidelines on how you can participate and compete in the 2024 Pennsylvania Farm Show can be found on this page.**



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

### Family Living & Commodities

Join the fun and excitement of exhibiting in two acres of Family Living, horticultural, environmental, and 4-H exhibits! From beautifully-crafted quilt blocks to perfectly preserved jellies; picturesque Christmas trees to 80-pound pumpkins! Family Living displays at the Pennsylvania Farm Show highlight the diversity of craft, commodities, and cuisine Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians have to offer!

Contests in the Family Living area throughout the week include blue ribbon apple pie, homemade chocolate cake, sticky buns, thumbprint cookies, angel food cake, and the great Pennsylvania whoopie pie contest! Can't make it to the show? Don't worry, all contests are televised on the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN)! Have a special hobby and want to share it? Check out the ways that you can enter the show!

### Livestock

The Farm Show offers six halls, three arenas, and over 30 livestock competitions. From mighty draft horses to mini rex rabbits, and everything in between! Nearly 6,000 of the commonwealth's best animals compete each year for the coveted Grand Champion title.

The show ring isn't all serious business. The Mike Wahl Celebrity Feed Scurry, Angora Palooza, the Sheep-to-Shawl contest, and celebrity cow milking are just a few of the popular extracurricular livestock events held throughout the week.

### Deadline Entry Dates

Draft Horses 11/2/23  
Horse Pulling 12/1/23  
Sheep 11/2/23  
Wool 12/15/23  
Sheep to Shawl & Youth Fleece to Shawl 12/1/23  
Swine 11/2/23  
Beef Cattle 11/2/23  
Jr. Market - Cattle 6/29/23  
Jr. Market - Swine, Lamb, Goat 10/16/23  
Skillathon (All Species) 12/26/23  
Dairy Cattle 11/2/23  
Dairy Goats 11/2/23  
Poultry 12/1/23  
Alpacas 11/2/23  
Meat Goats 11/2/23  
Corn 1/3/24  
Small Grains 1/3/24  
Hay 8/8/23  
Straw 1/3/24  
Cheese 11/9/23  
Potatoes 1/3/24  
Potato Judging  
Fruit 1/3/24  
Nuts 1/3/24  
Vegetables 1/3/24  
Mushrooms 1/3/24  
Maple Syrup 1/3/24  
Apiary 1/3/24  
Christmas Trees & Wreaths 1/3/24  
Family Living 1/3/24



# Become a Mike Waugh Celebrity Feed Scurry Sponsor!

**What are some benefits of this sponsorship opportunity?**

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**PHOTOGRAPH  
WITH SPONSORED  
CELEBRITY  
DURING  
THE EVENT**

## What is a Feed Scurry?

**During this yearly event at the Pennsylvania Farm Show**, local celebrities compete in a timed event driving a team of draft horses pulling a sled through an obstacle course. The celebrities have a 4-H or FFA member who will assist with the transfer of straw bales during the obstacle course event. Teams will be placed first through last based on times and penalties.

## Why is the Feed Scurry important?

The Feed Scurry is the main fundraising event for the Friends. The money raised from the event helps secure its mission statement to **"stimulate, facilitate and support educational programs, incentives and events at the Farm Show."**



### Applications can be:

**Emailed to** farmshowfriends@gmail.com

**Mailed to** PA Farm Show

Complex & Expo Center  
C/O FOFS, Inc.  
2300 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Questions?

Contact Gerry Reichard  
at 717-729-7158 or email  
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**September 16 - 20, 2023**

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 21 dairy shows in five days, including three days dedicated to youth shows, contests, and programs, the All-American Dairy Show is the premier stop on the Tanbark Trail!

**For information on registration, and schedule, visit the website at:**

**<https://allamericandairyshow.com>**

**Final entry deadline is September 9, 2023!**



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2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA**



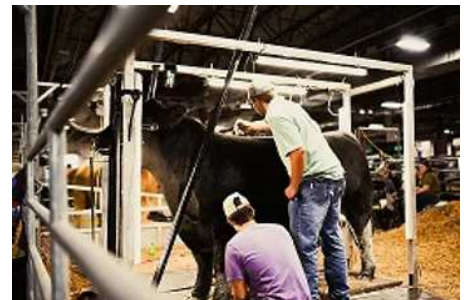


# Keystone International Livestock Exposition



**September 29 - October 8, 2023**

**"Unlock Your Livestock Potential  
at the Keystone International  
Livestock Exposition!"**



**For information on registration and schedule, visit the website at:**

**<https://www.keystonelivestockexpo.com>**

**Email: [kile@pa.gov](mailto:kile@pa.gov)**

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2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA**



# A fond farewell

## *FOFS, Inc. Honors Two of its Charter Members*

### **Rachel Schlegel**

The Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, Inc., was established in August 2010 as a way to stimulate, facilitate and support educational programs, incentives and events relating to the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. Since then, the foundation has grown to be more than any of the original core members ever dreamed.

On April 30, the board was honored to acknowledge two of its charter members, Beverly Gruber and Marvin Bashore.

Beverly has served on the Friends' board as secretary and treasurer since its start as well as marketing coordinator and newsletter editor for six years. Marvin served as the Friends' attorney until his recent retirement. Board members, along with Farm Show staff, gathered to congratulate Beverly and Marvin on their irreplaceable service and gifts to the Friends of the Pennsylvania Foundation, Inc.

### **Honoring Beverly Gruber**

If you attend the Farm Show, you have most likely had the chance to meet Beverly. Her enthusiasm and love for agriculture has allowed her to be involved in many aspects of the Farm Show since 1953. She has been a competitor, a 4-Her, an advisor to Future Homemakers of America (FHA) demonstration teams, Farm Show commis-



Mark Keller, Larry Weaver, Gerald Reichard, William Piper, Beverly Gruber, Morgan Firestone, PA Dept. of Ag Exec. Deputy Gregory Hostetter, Debby Griffith, and Heidi Svonavec presented Beverly with a collection of Farm Show pins. Photos: Rachel Schlegel

sioner from 1997 to 2004, volunteer in the Family Living Area, coordinator for the first Apple Pie Contest and the Hershey Contest (PSACF), instrumental in the introduction of the Wine Competition, canned goods judge, the Farm Products Coordinator from 2005 to 2022, instrumental in securing space for the merry-go-round (which benefits the Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation and the Pennsylvania Showmen's Association Scholarships.), involvement with many exhibits, and received the 2006 Farm Show Service Award in 2006.

Farm Show quickly became the highlight of her year from the first time she entered a competitive event. Her broomstick skirt won 10th place, and she realized competing was her passion. When asked what her favorite event of the Farm Show was,

she replied, "A while back when they had Polka Day. It brought in a brand new visitor who really enjoyed the Farm Show, and they came to visit by busloads. I love Polka music because it is so happy. All you see are smiles when the music is playing. As for present day Farm Show, I really enjoy the Bid Calling Contest on Wednesday evening. The chant of the contestants is inspiring and fun." Beverly believes that the visitors to the Farm Show should be educated about agriculture and the Foundation is the perfect answer in reaching this goal. Even from the start of the Foundation, she was confident it would succeed, however, she never believed that since its formation, it would raise \$1.8 million. To her, it proves, "Farm Show ranks high on everyone's

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Galen Kopp, Vicki Varner, Larry Weaver, William Piper, Marvin Baeshore, Beverly Gruber, and Mark Keller. presented a collection of PA Farm Show pins.

list and has lots of friends and supporters."

Her favorite memory involving the Foundation is the yearly picnic. The combination of good food and good friends in one place on the same day makes it the perfect gathering.

A piece of advice to the youth from Beverly – Get involved in the community. Try to choose an area that is of great interest to you personally. The Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, Inc. has the broad base which enables participation.



A newspaper clipping of Marvin from the 1960 PA Farm Show.

### **Congratulations Marvin Bashore**

Marvin Bashore Esq., is no stranger to the Farm Show. He exhibited at the Farm Show during his 4-H years with his Holstein dairy cows. He showed his first project heifer during the 1960 show where he took first place in the 4-H Senior Yearling class and third place in the Open class. He continued to show until 1966.

So, when he was contacted by Brook Duer, then Chief Council for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, to work with them and Farm Show staff to form a foundation or other legal mechanism to facilitate support for the various Farm Show programs, he immediately agreed. Marvin believed the project would be an interesting opportunity to support the Farm Show.

Marvin served as legal counsel to the Foundation from its formation in 2010 until April 2023, upon his retirement. With his expertise, he was able to develop the Foundation

bylaws and articles of incorporation. Marvin had the absolute expertise to identify and to facilitate the right structure to create our successful non-profit.

When asked what prompted him to serve with the Friends, he replied, "My legal career emphasized representing and serving the agriculture community, in particular dairy farmers and their cooperatives in the field of milk marketing regulations. Being involved with the Friends and being able to support the Farm Show and the diverse areas of agriculture in Pennsylvania which it serves and promotes was a natural interest and a wonderful opportunity for me."

It was hard to envision how successful the Foundation would become at its beginning. Marvin, along with others, were optimistic, but also guarded as "the Foundation was carving out a bit of a new role as a supporting conduit between the Commonwealth and the private sector." However, as time moved forward, the Foundation has become extremely successful. Marvin has been honored to watch the non-profit grow since its inception. He has witnessed dedicated board members direct the Foundation and grow the non-profit to what it is today. Marvin has also seen how the Farm Show staff has been supportive while recognizing the Foundation's role as an independent entity.

### **Get Involved with the FOFS, Inc.**

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 becoming a

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William Piper, Chairman of Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc., presents Marvin Baeshore with a collection of PA Farm Show Pins.

friend are \$65 annually or \$500 lifetime. All friends 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](http://www.friendsoffarmshow.com) or contact Gerald Reichard at 717-729-7158 or [farmshowfriends@gmail.com](mailto:farmshowfriends@gmail.com).

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

### Thank You!

The Foundation extends a thank you to all its Friends and supporters. Without your continued contributions, we couldn't do what we are able to do each Farm Show.



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## Community Science: **FIREFLY WATCH**

**Report firefly sightings in your backyard!**

**Spend 10 minutes once a week from now through August and report any firefly sightings (or none).**

**Data is used to help map firefly populations.**

**Help Firefly Conservation**



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
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Help scientists learn about the geographic distribution of fireflies through the Firefly Watch Community Science Project.

Spend at least 10 minutes once a week during firefly season (late June through August) observing fireflies in one location (your backyard or in a nearby field).

Learn more about what to look for and how to submit observations →

<https://bit.ly/3zgbKXp>

# Shapiro Administration Urban Ag Tour Wraps: Feeding Community Strength Through Agriculture

## Grant Applications Now Open for \$700,000 to Grow Opportunities Statewide

Harrisburg, PA – Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding concluded a weeklong annual tour of diverse projects across Pennsylvania, where locals are working together to feed community strength and fuel economic progress through agriculture.

"It's a beautiful thing to meet inspirational people who are changing the public perception of what agriculture is," Secretary Redding said. "At every stop we have seen a labor of love by devoted, passionate Pennsylvanians who are uniting neighbors who may not share anything but the common denominator of food."

Urban agriculture is feeding Pennsylvania's future, whether it's helping young people find inspiration and learning life skills, selling cut flowers to fund free food boxes for low-income neighbors, putting cutting-edge science and technology to work to reduce food waste and grow healthier food, or providing familiar food and community connection to new Americans making their home in an unfamiliar place."

At Fresh Food Farms in York, Governor Josh Shapiro joined the tour to announce The GIANT Company's commitment of \$200,000 to support 2023-24 PA Farm Bill Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grants. The partnership boosts total funding too \$700,000 for the state's program aimed at increasing fresh food access in urban food deserts, addressing historical inequities, and feeding community opportunities to thrive together. From formerly incarcerated women learning to grow food



Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding gets a tour of Variety...Variety has a greenhouse where people can grow plants...Variety, The Children Charity of the Delaware Valley is a 100-year-old camp with a mission to enrich the lives of children and young adults with disabilities by nurturing independence and self-confidence...The summer camp is rife with opportunities for campers to learn valuable life skills and to grow through hands-on learning adapted to their needs. Agriculture and education are deeply connected, and Variety is ensuring there is a place for everyone at the table..

year-round in a retrofitted freight container, to children with disabilities learning life and job skills with expertly adapted tools, to public school agriculture career and technology students learning to grow produce in soil-less systems using hemp by-products, the tour introduced local and state legislators, educational and economic development officials to projects supported by state investments multiplied by private and corporate partnerships.

Pennsylvania has invested more than \$2 million in urban agriculture through the program since 2019. That \$2 million investment has leveraged \$2 million more in local matching dollars. In total, 113 projects in 19 counties across the state are expanding fresh food access in locations often served by a single convenience store.

Applications opened Monday, July 17 for 2023-24 Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grants. Eligible projects will improve or create

programs, sharing resources or pooling agricultural products to build a neighborhood's access to fresh, local food. Individuals, businesses, community and agricultural organizations in urban communities may apply for either individual "microgrants" or collaborative grants for partnership projects.

Grant applications must be submitted online through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development Electronic Single Application. Applications opened Monday, July 17, and are due at 5:00 PM on Sept. 1, 2023.

Full grant guidelines are published in the July 15 edition of the PA Bulletin at [agriculture.pa.gov](https://agriculture.pa.gov).

Find a map of previous grant recipients and details of other PA Farm Bill grants and initiatives to grow and sustain Pennsylvania agriculture at [agriculture.pa.gov/pafarmbill](https://agriculture.pa.gov/pafarmbill).



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

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# Friends of Farm Show

## *Funding the Future of Ag*

### **Stimulate ♦ Facilitate ♦ Support**

The Foundation believes in its mission statement to contribute to educational programs, incentives and events relating to the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show.

### **Why is the Foundation important?**

The Foundation was established in August 2010 and since then it has contributed more than \$1.8 million to the educational programs at the Farm Show.

### **How can you get involved?**

#### **Become a Friend!**

\$65/annually ♦ \$500/lifetime

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or call 717-729-7158

#### **Donate to the Friends**

Along with the fee of becoming a Friend, donations of any amount are accepted and are tax deductible.

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# Broad Street Market's Devastating Fire is Uniting the Community.

Lizzie Bailey July 17, 2023

There was sadness in the air when news spread of the 2 alarm fire at the Broad Market in Harrisburg on Monday, July 10, 2023. The market consists of two buildings and it was the brick building that was engulfed in flames. Watching the newsreel on TV of the fire was heart-wrenching. The Broad Street Market is an agriculture hub in the city and is home to multiple small businesses. There are so many people in the community who rely on shopping there.

The 163-year-old market is the oldest operating farmers' market in the Nation dating back to 1860. When the market started, at that time it was on the outskirts of Harrisburg. As the city grew, it encompassed the market.

The market consists of two buildings; the stone building was completed in 1863. The red brick building was built somewhere between 1874 to 1878.

During the Civil War, the market fed soldiers at Camp Curtin. In the early 1920s, the market was at its peak with over 700 vendors selling their products and wares. There used to be a wooden extension built between the buildings and at some point in the 1960s it was torn down. During that time in the 1960s, there were about 300 vendors active at the market. In 1974 the market received the designation to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Present day the Broad Street Market is a hub of activity, offering produce, meats, cheeses, and baked goods along with vendors selling products. It has such an inviting atmosphere and it is commonplace to buy your meal and sit around the stone walkway to listen to musicians.

The brick building has extensive damage but local officials have committed to rebuilding the market. Governor Shapiro also expressed support. Officials estimate that it will be a 2 to 3-year timeframe for the rebuild to be completed.

The community is supporting the market by showing up to continue to shop. It was shared in the news.



**Photo credit: Harrisburg Historic Association**

media that there is a grass area near the market that will be converted into a temporary home for vendors

Customers, community organizations, and businesses have donated and more are holding fundraisers.

If you are interested in showing your support for the Broad Street Market and vendors you can do a few things. One is to donate money on Broad Street Market's website listed below. The second is if you are in the Harrisburg area stop at the market and shop.

If you would like to donate please go to:  
<https://broadstreetmarket.org/product/donation/>

# HELP

# WANTED

***The Friends of Farm Show are looking for organizations to work the Information Booths at the 2024 PA Farm Show!***

**Details:**

- Four booths
- 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- \$500/day
- Jan. 6 –13

**Scan to apply**



**Applications are due by Nov. 1.**

**Contact Gerry Reichard at [farmshowfriends@gmail.com](mailto:farmshowfriends@gmail.com) for more information.**

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***The Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show, Inc. reserves the right to make the final decision after all applications are received.***





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## Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center Schedule

### Highlights of Upcoming Events

August 1,4,8,11,15,18, 2023 Farmers Market

August 19 & 20, 2023 Harrisburg Gun & Knife Show

Sept. 16 - 20, 2023 All American Dairy Show

Sept. 29 - Oct. 8, 2024 Keystone International  
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To see the full schedule

