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Dates to Remember!

2026 PA Farm Show Jr. Market Beef
Deadline: Thursday, June 26, 2025

AG Progress Days
August 12-14, 2025

All American Dairy Show
September 13 - 17, 2025

KILE
September 26 - October 5, 2025

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publish in the Friends of the Farm Show
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2025 Supreme Champion of Dairy Breeds | Jan. 10, 2025 Brianna Walker and her Jersey are named the Junior Dairy
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A Time for Celebration!



(Back row, left to right) Special Advisor Gerry Reichard, Board Member Nathan Tallman, Board Member Lizzie Bailey, Vice-Chairman Mark Keller, Executive Director Sharon Myers, Chairman Bill Piper, Secretary Beverly Gruber, Board Member Vicki Varner, Assistant Director Heidi Svonavec, and Marketing Director Rachel Schlegel. (Front row, left to right) Foundation Founding Member Michael Firestine, Special Events Morgan Firestine, and Board Member Galen Kopp. (Titles listed as of March 2025.)

The Friends Foundation celebrates 15 years:

As Nick Sirianni stated, and Chairman Piper presented to the Board of Directors at the March meeting, "You can't be great without the greatness of others."

This year, the Foundation celebrates 15 years since its inception. We know our Foundation would not be where it is today without our committed sponsors, Friends, Farm Show staff and volunteers. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Vicki was presented with a shadow box of Farm Show pins for her time volunteering with the Foundation.

Chairman Piper stands with Vice-Chairman Keller as he is surprised with gifts honoring his years of service.

Executive Director Sharon Myers poses with Chairman Piper at their last Board of Directors meeting.

Varner, Piper & Myers honored:

Board Member Vicki Varner, Chairman Bill Piper, and Executive Director Sharon Myers were honored at the March board meeting. Both Vicki and Bill have reached the conclusion of their terms on the Board of Directors, while Sharon was recognized for her steadfast dedication and exceptional leadership in working closely with the Foundation. (Titles listed as of March 2025)

Impacting Ag Yesterday and Today

Each year, the Gerald W. Reichard Impact Award is given to a recipient based on their contribution and overall impact to the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The 2025 award recipient was no exception.

The award was started in honor of Gerald W. Reichard who played a very large role at the Pennsylvania Farm Show for a multitude of years.

Gerald dairy farmed with his father and was the owner/operator of a general livestock farm. His love of agriculture was contagious and spilled over into the various agricultural organizations he held leadership positions in. He enjoyed sharing those moments with his family and grandchildren. Today, Gerald's family continues his legacy and plays a large role in the PA Farm Show.

Sharon Myers, Executive Director at the Farm Show, proudly spoke about this year's recipient as he stood in the audience unaware of being the recipient of this year's award.

"This recipient spent a lifetime helping farmers find the means to make their dream of owning a farm come true. He finds his greatest joy in helping young farmers grow and succeed, nurturing the future of agriculture," Myers explained.

He has served two decades as chairman of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Committee, vice-chairman of the Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation since its inception in 2010, played a vital role in establishing a scholarship fund at the PA Farm Show, board member and past chairman of the Pennsylvania Banker's Association Agriculture and Rural Issues Committee, board member and past chairman of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, vice-chairman of the Lancaster County Project for the Needy, treasurer of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, past board member and past chairman of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency Agriculture Advisory, past commissioner of the Pennsylvania Animal Health Commission, past treasurer of the Conrad Weiser Scholarship Foundation, past board member of



the Pennsylvania Farm Transition Board, past board member of the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Board, past board member of the North American Livestock and Rodeo Association, chairman of the Pennsylvania Agriculture Republicans, past board member of the Pennsylvania 4-H Foundation, past board member of the Pennsylvania State University Ag Business Oversight Board, and past chairman of the American Bankers Association Agriculture and Rural Bankers Committee, Washington D.C.

The 2025 Gerald W. Reichard Impact Award was given to Michael Firestine, the former vice-chairman of the Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation. Congratulations Mr. Firestine! Thank you for being an advocate for Pennsylvania Agriculture!



Photos by Rachel Schlegel

(Above) Mike Firestine stands beside Sec. Russell Redding and Sen. Dave McCormick as Executive Director Sharon Myers reads about the recipient of the award (below, left). (Titles listed as of March 2025.)



(Left to right) Friends Foundation former Chairman Piper, Events Director Morgan Firestine and Martene Firestine (Mike's daughter and wife) cheer as Mike is awarded the Gerald W. Reichard Impact Award. (Titles listed as of March 2025.)



(Left to right) Sen. Dave McCormick, Executive Director Sharon Myers, Mike Firestine, Martene Firestine, Events Director Morgan Firestine, Sec. Russell Redding, and Assistant Director Heidi Svonavec gather to congratulate Mike on his accomplishments. (Titles listed as of March 2025.)



Mike Firestine, center, celebrates his award with (left to right) Sec. Russell Redding, Brett Reichard, Sen. Dave McCormick and Gerald Reichard.



Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc. Two new board members were elected

Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation, Inc. held their April 17, 2025 board meeting at the PA Farm Show & Expo Complex.

In March, Vicki Varner and William Piper terms ended leaving two openings for seats on the board. The nomination committee presented two new nominees, Martha Ebersole and Dale Welk and they were elected to the board, and presented two current board members as nominees; Mark Keller as Chairman and Lizzie Bailey as Vice-Chairman. The board approved all the nominees during the election process.

Martha Ebersole lives in Duncannon with her husband Ray. She is a very familiar face as she has been volunteering at the PA Farm Show for over thirty years. She is past President of the PA State Association of County Fairs and is a member of the Oliver Grange in Perry County. She attends the Dellville United Methodist Church.

Dale Welk lives in Hanover with his wife Georgia. He is the Director of Operations at the Hanover Shoe Farms employed there for 50 years. He is also the President and Director of Operations at Standard Bred Horse Sales Company. He has served as the president for five years and 25 years as the director. He also serves as the Director of Operations for Penn State Expo Services. The Friends of the PA Farm Show Board welcomes our new board members and looks forward to working together on the 2026 PA Farm Show.



Martha Ebersole and Dale Welk elected to the the Friends of the Farm Show Foundation board.

Photos by PA Dept. of Ag and Lizzie Bailey



PA Open Air Farmers Market

PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center

2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA

Parking Lot

Opening Day

May 6, 2025

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Every Tuesday & Friday



June is Dairy Month

National Dairy Month

National Dairy Month is celebrated every year during the month of June throughout the United States. It is a month-long celebration of the contributions the dairy industry has made for more than 85 years.

Many organizations use National Dairy Month as a platform to introduce the hard-working dairy farmers and families that are behind milk and dairy products, making it to your grocery store shelves every day. It is also a great time of year to help educate consumers about the numerous nutritional benefits associated with consuming dairy products, including diabetes prevention, heart health, bone health, sports recovery, weight management, and more!

Whether you celebrate by brushing up on some dairy history, making your new favorite dairy-based recipe, or researching the nutritional benefits of the 13 essential nutrients in milk, find your own way to celebrate this June! National Dairy Month: A Journey Through the Years: Originally started in 1937 as National Milk Month, it was created as a way to promote drinking milk to U.S. consumers as there was a production surplus at the time.

The celebration has evolved over time and the name was changed to National Dairy Month after the National Dairy Council got involved to help promote the event.

Now it is celebrated every June throughout the dairy industry as a way to encourage consumers to eat and drink more dairy products. It's also a great time to introduce consumers on the nutritional benefits of different dairy products including milk, cheese, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, and more!

Recipes for National Dairy Month

What better way to participate in the celebration than with your own favorite dairy-based recipe!? As the temperatures start to rise in June, it's the perfect time to bust out one of these favorite Summer dairy recipes courtesy of Savor Recipes.

These recipes feature a variety of dairy products that play a key role in health and nutrition, including: milk, kefir and yogurt. Visit: Americandairy.com



Serves: 10
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 20-30 minutes

9 whole graham crackers
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese
1 can of sweetened condensed milk
6 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 (10-ounce) package frozen raspberries
1/4 cup granulated sugar
Fresh blueberries and raspberries for garnish

About No-Bake Mini Cheesecakes

These No-Bake Mini Cheesecakes are the perfect dessert for when you crave something creamy and indulgent without turning on the oven. With a buttery graham cracker crust and a rich, velvety cheesecake filling, these bite-sized treats are ideal for parties, gatherings, or a quick sweet fix. They're easy to customize with your favorite toppings, from fresh fruit to chocolate drizzle, making them a versatile dessert that everyone will love. Best of all, they require minimal effort and time, so you can enjoy all the flavor of cheesecake without the hassle

Preparation:

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth and no lumps remain for 2 to 3 minutes. Add sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice, and vanilla and beat until the mixture is smooth, scraping the sides and bottom of the bowl as you mix.

Pour filling into 10 (8-ounce) jars, glasses, or plastic cocktail cups and place them on a baking sheet to transfer to the refrigerator. Chill for 20 to 30 minutes.

In a small saucepan, heat the raspberries and sugar until it's simmering. Remove from the heat and let the sauce cool.

In a food processor, blend the graham crackers and melted butter until they're finely ground. Set aside.

Spoon the raspberry sauce over the chilled cheesecake layers. Top with a layer of graham cracker crust and return jars to the fridge until ready to serve. Serve chilled, topped with blueberries and raspberries



Donuts & Shakes Good Friday Event

It was a great day for the Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation's fundraising event "Donuts & Shakes" held on April 18, 2025, at the Kutztown Fairgrounds. The Pennsylvania Co-Operative Potato Growers and the PA Dairymen's Association partnered with the Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation to raise money for youth educational programming for the PA Farm Show.

The weather was beautiful and people came out to support a worthy cause and satisfy their desire to have some PA Farm Show tasty treats.

Through the efforts of the Pennsylvania Potato Growers and the PA Dairymen's Association \$2,100 was raised to benefit the Friends of the Farm Show Foundation, Inc.

It is estimated that around 3,000 donuts were made by the team and a little over 600 milkshakes. Thank you to the volunteers and the Kutztown community for coming out and supporting the Donuts & Shakes event!



The helpers at the PA Dairymen's Milk Shake truck had a busy day making over 600 milkshakes.



Delicious PA Co-Operative Potato Growers Donuts.



Let the sweetness begin, Nathan Tallman and Corey Sholl are powdering and sugaring the donuts.



Gail shared that she drove from Hershey to Kutztown to get her donuts and support the foundation. (L-R) Nathan Tallman, Bill Piper, and Gail Riddle.



Many helping hands make light work.
Photos by Lizzie Bailey



Bill Piper didn't have to wake up early, but he went right to work in making the donuts.



* * * Congratulations on Your RETIREMENT * * * Cheryl Cook!

Cheryl Cook Retires with 16 Years of Service at PDA

by Lizzie Bailey

On April 18, 2025, Cheryl Cook Deputy Secretary at Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture retired with 16 years of service. The PA Department of Agriculture held a reception and celebrated her service with the department.



Retirement cake for Cheryl at the celebration at PDA office.

Photos by PA Dept. of Ag

Secretary Russell Redding said, "It is my great honor to recognize the service and leadership of Deputy Secretary Cheryl Cook. Through her vision and quiet diplomacy, Cheryl has ensured that every voice—whether from community gardens, small family farms, or large-scale operations—has had a seat at the table. Her work has strengthened Pennsylvania's agricultural industry and set a powerful standard for leading with integrity, passion, and purpose. From advancing our nation-leading Farmland

Preservation Program and PA Preferred initiatives to championing the PA Farm Bill and launching groundbreaking efforts like the Organic Center of Excellence, Cheryl's impact has reached every corner of the Commonwealth. Over 16 years of service, she has embraced innovation, increased government transparency, and empowered the Department's employees—especially through her leadership as our first DEI officer and her guidance of the Project JUST Committee. Cheryl's legacy is one of progress, inclusion, and unwavering dedication to public service."

Cheryl shared, "I was from Bergen County, Northern New Jersey. I did not have an agriculture background other than on my dad's side of the family. My grandparents had a nursery greenhouse in central New Jersey. I only visited a few times a year."

When you live in New Jersey, you look to Pennsylvania for colleges if Princeton isn't on your list. I attended Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa.



Cheryl donning her retirement sash.

and fell in love with the open space and cows, as the area was surrounded by dairy farms."

After receiving her bachelors degree she enrolled in The Dickinson School of Law. While attending there she became involved with a local church and directed a handbell choir. She had mentioned to the pastor that she was getting ready to graduate, and he should think about someone to replace her while she is still there to train them to take over. Her thinking was she may have to move to Oshkosh, Wisconsin for a job. The pastor said, "No, you need to send your resume to my brother." Little did she know he was with the PA Farmers Union. Cheryl shared, "They were looking for someone to be a lobbyist, write their newsletter, and be an all around utility staff person.

I worked with them for a few years and realized then that I wanted to be an advocate for the farmers."

Cheryl's work experience includes six years on the Rendell team. For the first seven years of President Clinton's term, she worked for the administration in Harrisburg, and during his eighth year, she traveled daily to Washington, D.C. When President Obama was elected, she was recruited to work at the USDA as an Undersecretary for Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Secretary Vilsack asked her to step into the role of Chief Information Officer. Cheryl added, "When the Secretary asked, I didn't go in saying I didn't know if I could do it. He knew he had a team of experts focused on what they were doing. He didn't have someone with my years of field experience to know why and how to use it."

Secretary Redding asked in 2015 if she would return to the Department of Agriculture as the Chief Information Officer. She has served in many capacities during her time at PDA.

A proud moment for Cheryl while working in Washington, D.C., was when she won an award that designated her as one of the Top 100 People for Growth Technology for her work at the USDA, nominated by OMB.

Cheryl shared a memorable moment when she was the State Director for Rural Development in Pennsylvania, and she utilized a Community Facilities Program

Program Grant to open a Women's Shelter for Domestic Abuse. "I was so proud of the facility being completed but was so apprehensive at the same time, as we were doing the ribbon cutting saying this is where the Women's Shelter was located. I wanted everyone of the women to know we are here for you, and you can overcome this."

Another exciting moment is when she read through Governor Shapiro's budget and saw the line item listed for agriculture. Cheryl said, "In my lifetime I never thought I would see that."

When asked what it was like for women in agriculture during the early years of her career, she responded, "I remember when George Wolf had his consultant lobbyist firm he would have us meet at the Tuesday Club in downtown Harrisburg. There were only two women who attended these meetings myself, and Brenda Shambaugh from Grange. Women weren't permitted in the Tuesday Club unless you were escorted in by a member. We would have to wait down on the street until George would come and take us in. We have come along way since those days."

Lela Reichart shared, "I have known Cheryl for many years starting from my arrival at PDA. As my Deputy Secretary we worked closely on Federal and State grant programs. Especially, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Cheryl, is extremely thoughtful, brilliant mind whose career has been

dedicated to improving the lives of those associated with agriculture. Over the years she has played a critical role behind the scenes developing grant programs and food system initiatives on behalf of Pennsylvania farmers. I am proud to say, she has been a great mentor, friend and always a trusted advocate for women of ag." Lela added, "Thank you Cheryl for all you have done for our Agricultural system to be better today, establishing building blocks to allow us to flourish in the years ahead. I wish you all the best."

Heidi Svonavec, Acting Director at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Expo Complex shared, "Working with Deputy Cheryl Cook over the past two decades has been an incredible honor. Her leadership has profoundly impacted my personal and professional growth. One of the most meaningful moments for me was when she nominated me to participate in the Commonwealth's Leadership Development Institute. That investment in my development showed your deep commitment to cultivating future leaders, and it gave me the confidence and tools to grow in ways I hadn't imagined. Cheryl's belief in me—and in so many of us—will have a lasting legacy."

When posed with the question of "What now?" Cheryl replied, "I think I will become one of those people who wonder how did I ever find time to get up and go to work."

Happy Retirement Cheryl!



Pennsylvania State Fair Queen

Hello everyone!

It's Ava again, and I've had an exciting and rewarding few months serving as your 2025 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen.

In February, I had the honor of attending the Cornucopia event at our state capital. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with legislators and discuss the value of agriculture and the important role fairs play in agritourism. I was proud to share how fairs connect communities, celebrate agricultural traditions, and educate the public about where their food comes from.



Schuylkill County Dairy Princess Lima Dunbar, Lebanon County Dairy Princess Ravyn Bashore, Pennsylvania Honey Queen Olivia Kaltenbach, PA Fair Queen Ava Immel, Blair County Dairy Princess Anna Longnecker and Huntingdon County Dairy Princess Madison Mowrer.



Sec. Russell Redding, Queen Ava Immel, and Senator Elder Vogel at Cornucopia.

I was grateful to attend Fleetwood Bank's Agriculture Appreciation Night in March. It was an inspiring evening that recognized the hard work and dedication of outstanding agricultural workers and producers in the Oley Valley

community. These individuals are truly the backbone of our state's agricultural success, and it was an honor to be a part of celebrating their achievements.



Sec. Russell Redding, Queen Ava Immel, and Kevin Beiber at the Fleetwood Bank's Agriculture Appreciation Night.

Serving as State Fair Queen has been such a blessing. Every event reminds me of the passion, pride, and perseverance that define

Pennsylvania agriculture. I'm so excited to continue my journey—meeting more people, attending fairs across the state, and sharing the message of why agriculture and fairs matter.

Thank you all for your continued encouragement and support. I'm looking forward to everything the rest of this year will bring, and I hope to see many of you out at your local fairs!

Warmly,

Ava

2025 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen

If you would like to request the PA Fair Queen or Alternate PA Fair Queen for your event, please contact:

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Pennsylvania FFA



Business & Industry Visits



Over the course of the past few months, the state officers have been busy visiting businesses throughout the commonwealth learning about the vast agricultural industry, thanking them for their support of Pennsylvania FFA. Some of the recent visits included Bell & Evans, the Wenger Group, New Holland, and the Pennsylvania Soybean Board.



ACES Conference

ACES: Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success is a dynamic leadership conference designed for members of the Pennsylvania FFA Association. Hosted over four weekends by the state officer team, ACES brings together more than 2,000 FFA members from across the commonwealth. Through a series of interactive workshops, members gain valuable skills in leadership, communication, decision-making, and much more. This conference offers an exciting opportunity for members to grow personally and professionally while connecting with fellow FFA members from all corners of Pennsylvania.



State Legislative Leadership Conference

This year, Pennsylvania FFA welcomed over 600 members, advisors, and guests to the 36th Pennsylvania FFA State Legislative Leadership Conference. Over the course of the three-day event, members explored the power of advocacy, participated in dinner etiquette discussions centered around agricultural policy, and gained firsthand insight into the legislative process. By diving deep into how laws are made and influenced, students left empowered to be strong voices for agriculture in their communities and beyond.

DOG BITE PREVENTION WEEK

WHAT DO OWNERS OF DANGEROUS DOGS NEED TO DO?



Dangerous dogs need to be muzzled, on a substantial chain or leash, and be under control of a responsible person when outside their enclosures.



Owners need to pay a \$1,000 registration fee annually and hold a \$50,000 policy of liability insurance or surety bond.



Signs need to be clearly displayed on the premises warning that there is a dangerous dog on the property.

The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement keeps a statewide registry of dangerous dogs, with over 800 dogs currently listed.

What are the requirements for owners of dangerous dogs?

- Dangerous dogs need to be muzzled, on a substantial chain or leash, and be under the control of a responsible person when outside of their enclosures.
- The dog needs to be microchipped and spayed/neutered.
- Required to pay a \$1,000 registration fee annually.
- Have to hold a \$50,000 policy of liability insurance or surety bond.
- Required to post "Dangerous Dog Warning" signs.

For more details, visit PA's registry of dangerous dogs:

<https://bit.ly/3lO5vWA>

Thank You, Friends!

The Friends of the PA Farm Show Foundation would like to extend its gratitude to all those who took time to volunteer at our booth during the PA Farm Show. You answered questions, handed out prizes and were a smiling face to Farm Show goers, and we thank you!





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What a Success Story!"

-William L. Piper
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**We invite you to partner with us
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Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center Schedule Highlights of Upcoming Events

May 14-18, 2025	Fire Expo
June 10 14-16, 2025	Dutch Valley Food Show
June 21-22, 2025	Harrisburg Gun and Knife Show
June 28-30, 2025	U.S. Junior Nationals Basketball Tournament
Jan. 10-17, 2026	PA Farm Show 2026

To see the full schedule

