

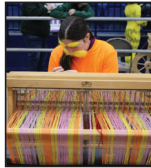
2025 Sponsored Events

Below are some of the events the Foundation is able to help fund through the support of our generous sponsors.

If you are interested in sponsoring an event for the 2026 show, contact Gerald Reichard at 717-729-7158 or farmshowfriends@gmail.com.

SHEEP-TO-SHAWL/FLEECE-TO-SHAWL -

An annual Pennsylvania Farm Show favorite since 1980. The educational event has stood the test of time because it is a demonstration which brings many people back to their roots as well as educate the younger attendees. They get to experience spinning and weaving of wool as it was done in America for many years.



DRAFT HORSE PULLING COMPETITION - Presenting the original agricultural 'horse power', these horses, exhibited in the pulling classes compete to pull the most amount of weight. These equine demonstrate the amount of strength necessary on the farm in order to complete heavy-duty jobs.



AGEXPLORER LEARNING STATIONS

- Visitors of all ages can 'investigate' the show by becoming a Farm Show Detective. Visit all learning stations throughout the complex by following a map, taking the opportunity to investigate many features of agriculture throughout the Complex.



AG MECHANICS COMPETITION -

Pennsylvania's finest FFA members team up to showcase their talents. In addition, other projects include entries of metal and wood products that follow a prescribed theme and show off the career ready skills the exhibitors share throughout the week of Farm Show.



HORSE POWER! - All kinds of Horse Power! fills the Equine Arena with antique and new tractors and equipment, tractor games, youth pedal tractor pulls and all sorts of power. There's sure to be something for everyone.



CHILDREN'S PEDAL

TRACTOR PULL - Youth weighing between 40 and 90 pounds can participate in a pedal pull contest in one of five weight classes.



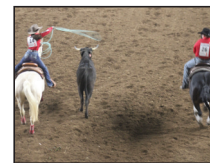
CUMBERLAND 4-H DRILL TEAM -

These talented youth ride horseback to a choreographed music routine of intricate maneuvers and patterns.



PA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO - A

longtime favorite, Pennsylvania's finest cowboys and cowgirls, grades 8-12, compete in professional rodeo classes. Two shows on opening day fill the arena and keeps fans on the edge of their seats.



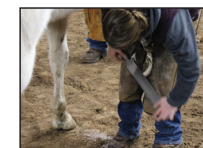
PSECU STAGE - Live and tasty action all week long! The PSECU stage in the Main Hall showcases engaging shows, artwork and is the place where judges taste Pennsylvania's finest Blue Ribbon Apple pies, Angel food cakes and more!



HORSESHOE PITCHING - A long-standing Farm Show tradition, horseshoe pitching, began in 1931. Considered one of the most prestigious tournaments in the National Horseshoe Association Circuit, the competitors also do a hands-on demonstrations for show visitors.



HORSE SHOEING/SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATION - A hands-on opportunity for visitors to



get up and personal with activities which occur on livestock and horse farms everyday throughout Pennsylvania.



COLORING CONTEST - This contest provides an opportunity for any Pennsylvania resident to participate in the Farm Show. Entries are split into seven age divisions from Pre-K to 65+.



FFA MID-WINTER CONVENTION - Nearly 5,000 Pennsylvania FFA members gather for their annual Mid-Winter Convention. Students receive Keystone Degrees, state stars and their famed blue corduroy jackets. The FFA provides its members with leadership development opportunities through classroom instruction, career development contests and real world agricultural career placement.



SPEEDHORSE DEMONSTRATION - The race is on! This high energy event consists of fun competition in pole bending, chalk keyhole, flag racing and dual flag racing for all ages. The event has dual purpose providing safe equine learning experiences and teaching Farm Show attendees about the horse industry through multiple fast paced and highly entertaining shows.



MIKE WAUGH CELEBRITY DRAFT HORSE FEED SCURRY

COMPETITION - With a vision that began in 2010, this event has become one of the largest fundraisers for the Friends of the Farm Show Foundation. Kids are invited to participate in a stick horse race during intermission!



CALVING CORNER - Experience the miracle of a live dairy cow birth at the Calving Corner. Pennsylvania farm families share their pregnant cows in hopes of providing a fully inclusive birthing experience with Farm Show guests.



TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL DEMONSTRATION -

Rev up your engines and get your motor running for some of Pennsylvania's finely tuned trucks and tractors as they make their way down the track. Learn about these machines, their engines and what makes them roar.



CONSERVATION DISPLAY - In partnership with the PA No-Till Alliance, conservation practices go on display in a lifelike exhibit. This educational, full-size model features a growing field of crops being harvested, a variety of equipment, and even a buffered stream. Stop by on a daily basis to experience the rain simulator, learn about run-off and interact with a no-till expert.



PA FARMS TO FAMILIES IMMERSION LAB - This mobile learning unit will engage youth and guests through hands-on learning experiences. It tells the stories of GIANT farmer partners featuring on-farm production practices, including a virtual reality tractor simulator, environmental conservation, and the process of bringing food from field to plate.



CANINE EXTRAVAGANZA/MEET THE BREEDS - Sit. Sponsor. Stay. Join our canine friends several times throughout the week to explore the variety of dog breeds and their duties on the farm and in rural Pennsylvania. The event will surely have your tails waggin'!



DRAFT HORSE HITCH AND DRIVE DEMONSTRATIONS - Saddle up with these gentle giants as they are hitched into 2, 4, 6 and unicorn hitches.



LUMBERJACK DEMONSTRATION - (*This event was cancelled last minute during the 2025 show*). **TIMBER!** Lumberjacks and Jills compete from four participating Pennsylvania colleges. Talented ladies and 'fellers' show off their skills in a variety of classes.

LANCASTER FARMING STAGE - Music, presentations, talent, and so much more, the Lancaster Farming stage in the GEX is a place you want to make sure is a stop on your Farm Show journey.



MINI HORSE EXTRAVAGANZA - The horses may be mini, but the talent on display is not. This event features younger handlers showing off their skills and is sure to be a show full of tricks and treats!



FFA WINDOW DISPLAYS - Take a stroll around the Maclay Street Lobby and learn about agriculture through the displays constructed by PA FFA Chapters. Each display conveys an approved method or practice which fits within the Agriculture, food and natural resources pathways.



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