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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.



**Message from the Chairman: Looking Ahead to the 2026 Farm Show**

As Chairman of the Farm Show Foundation Inc., I am honored to welcome you to the anticipation and excitement building around the upcoming 2026 Farm Show. This annual event has always been a cornerstone for celebrating the achievements, innovations, and traditions that define Pennsylvania agriculture. This year, we are proud to continue that legacy, bringing together farmers, producers, educators, and families from across the state.

The Farm Show is more than just an exhibition—it is a vibrant gathering that fosters learning, collaboration, and a sense of community spirit. In 2026, we look forward to showcasing advancements in sustainable farming, agricultural technology, and the hard work of individuals who ensure our nation's food security. From livestock competitions to hands-on demonstrations, there will be something for everyone, whether you are a seasoned professional or a first-time visitor.

I encourage all exhibitors to bring their best and brightest ideas to the show and invite attendees to engage with the diverse array of displays and activities. Our Foundation is dedicated to creating a welcoming environment where connections are formed, knowledge is shared, and the future of agriculture is shaped.

On behalf of the entire Farm Show Foundation Inc., thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Together, let's make the 2026 Farm Show our most memorable and impactful event yet.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Mark

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

Jan.-Feb. Due by Dec. 1  
Mar.-Apr. Due by Feb. 1  
May-June Due by April 1

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**Jan.-Feb. 2026  
Newsletter  
Deadline  
is  
Dec. 1**

Cover Picture: Historical Marker for the Wyck House, PA Farm Show Junior Committee members, PA Dairymen's cow and PA Potato Growers' Spud. Wyck House in Philadelphia was the backdrop for the 2026 PA Farm Show's reveal of the "Growing A Nation" logo. Pictured: Heidi Svonavec, PA Farm Show Exec. Director, Kim Staub, Wyck House Exec. Director, Senator Haywood, Russell Redding, Secretary PA Dept. of Agriculture, Betsy Ross, Cassandra Coleman, America250PA Exec. Director, Ava Immel, PA State Fair Queen, and Andrea Lowery, PHMC Exec. Dir.

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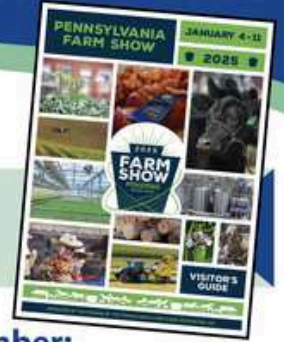
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# Become an Exhibit/Event Sponsor

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How about becoming an exhibit or event sponsor? Through sponsorships, the Foundation was able to support over 20 events & exhibits at the 2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show. To view available exhibit/event sponsorships, scan the QR code or visit: <https://friendsoffarmshow.com/sponsor/>



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# Mike Waugh Celebrity Feed Scurry

**New Holland Arena • Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026 @ 3 p.m.**

## 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?

It is a **significant fundraising** event for the Friends. The money raised from the event helps secure its mission statement.

## Interest or Questions?

**Call:** Dale Welk @ 717.965.2886  
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## **“Stitching Freedom: A Traveling Quilt Honors Pennsylvania’s Role in Independence”**

“Every stitch tells a story — and every stop reminds us we’re all part of Growing a Nation.”

Traveling through Pennsylvania’s patchwork of farms, fairs, and hometown festivals, the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation’s America250PA Quilt has been doing more than turning heads — it’s been turning neighbors into friends and memories into connections.

Over the past year, this special quilt has made its way to 12 county and community fairs across the Commonwealth, conventions, and organizational events bringing a piece of Farm Show spirit everywhere it goes.

It’s also been a fundraising effort for the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, with volunteers selling raffle tickets for a chance to win this historic work of art. The drawing will take place on January 17, 2026—the final day of the Pennsylvania Farm Show. So far, the effort has raised over \$5,500 toward a \$10,000 goal, with every dollar supporting youth ag education and the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation program that helps grow the next generation of Pennsylvania agriculture.

Created through a partnership between Cumberland Valley Grange, Scrubgrass Grange, and the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation, the quilt includes nine blocks honoring the Pennsylvania men who signed the Declaration of

Independence, surrounded by additional designs that celebrate our Commonwealth’s agricultural heritage and community spirit. One of its most remarkable features is that more than 600, 2025 Farm Show visitors, helped hand-quilt it, making the project a true labor of love — and a symbol of how Pennsylvanians come together to preserve tradition



On January 17, 2026, this quilt will be going home with one lucky winner! Do you have your raffle ticket for the drawing?

As the quilt continues its travels, it carries with it the pride, unity, and perseverance that define our state’s farming families. At each stop, people share stories of their own handcrafted projects, local history, their farms, and love for their local community proving once again that Pennsylvania’s roots run deep, and our agricultural spirit continues to grow strong.

Quilt raffle tickets will be on sale at the 2026 PA Farm Show. If you would like to learn more about the quilt or how you can purchase raffle tickets, email: lbailey13@comcast.net or call (717)254-9550 for additional ticket information.

### **"Windows to History" Quilt**

**Telling the story of Pennsylvania Agricultural from 1776 to the present.**

Cumberland Valley Grange is inviting volunteers to join an exciting new project: the Friends of Farm Show's America250PA “Windows to History” Quilt, Part II.

This commemorative quilt will celebrate 250 years of Pennsylvania agriculture, honoring the farms, families, and innovations that have helped shape our Commonwealth from 1776 to the present. Each quilt block will tell a story of hard work, resilience, and pride in Pennsylvania’s agricultural heritage.

Volunteers who quilt, sew, or embroider are encouraged to take part in this statewide collaboration. Whether you are an experienced quilter or just learning the art, your contribution will help bring history to life—one stitch at a time. Together, we will create a lasting tribute that connects generations of Pennsylvanians who have helped feed our nation.

Join us in honoring the hands that built Pennsylvania agriculture—past, present, and future.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Lizzie at 717-254-9550.



## Growing a Nation: Pennsylvania Agriculture Leads the Way

At the historic Wyck House Farm and Garden in Philadelphia — one of America's oldest continuously cultivated farms — Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding announced the theme for the 2026 Pennsylvania Farm Show: "Growing a Nation."



PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding

The setting couldn't have been more fitting. For over 300 years, Wyck's soil has nourished generations, much like Pennsylvania agriculture has sustained our nation for 250 years. "America was born in Pennsylvania, with its identity deeply rooted in agriculture," Redding said. "Two hundred and fifty years later, Pennsylvania agriculture is still leading our nation — growing its future through innovation, hard work, and community."

That same spirit fills the Farm Show each January — a celebration of farming families, food traditions, and the people who make agriculture thrive. Pennsylvania's agriculture and food industry now supports 600,000 jobs and contributes \$132 billion annually to the state's economy, keeping our communities strong and our plates full.

Wyck Executive Director Kim Staub reflected on how the past continues to inspire today's growers, "We use the past as inspiration for the present — sharing a harvest that puts food on the table and strengthens connections in our urban neighborhood."

The announcement also ties into the America250PA celebration, marking 250 years of American independence and Pennsylvania's pivotal role in it. From the signing of the Declaration of Independence to today's modern farms, Pennsylvania continues to be a cornerstone of the nation's growth and progress.



Wyck Executive Director Kim Staub reflects on how the past continues to inspire today's growers and sharing a harvest.

As America250PA Executive Director Cassandra Coleman shared, it's fitting to make the announcement in autumn — a season that has always reflected Pennsylvania's farming spirit and resilience. "Under the light of a harvest moon," she said, "our farmers have done the work that helped the American experiment grow and thrive for 250 years."



The 2026 Farm Show runs January 10–17 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Expect your favorites — from the butter sculpture to the food court — plus new exhibits celebrating how Pennsylvania continues "Growing a Nation".

Follow updates at [farmshow.pa.gov](https://farmshow.pa.gov) or on social media @PAFarmShow





## Pennsylvania State 4-H Council News

### **Council President Giuseppe Schinao Di Cola on the State Dairy Show**

In September, council members Grace, Patricia, and I were fortunate enough to attend the State Dairy Show, where we handed out awards to the winners in their respective areas. For me, as someone with no agricultural background, this was the first show I had watched in full, and I was astonished by all the amazing aspects within the dairy field! It was also great to see the community that is built around the dairy industry and how important it is. Advocates for the industry



It was an exciting day at the State Dairy Show as it was my first time ever attending this event.

were also in attendance — the now-former State Dairy Princess and her alternates were there sharing their love of dairy and agriculture with others, and they educated me on the many different areas within the dairy field. Overall, this was an amazing experience that the State Council provided, allowing me to learn more about a field that not only thrives in real life but is also a key part of 4-H.

In fact, during the 2023–2024 program year, just over 56% of

projects taken by members were animal science projects, which include dairy. It was wonderful to learn more about dairy and agriculture — and to meet some amazing people!



4-H representatives had a busy day at the State Dairy Show handing out awards to the winners. We were astonished by all the amazing aspects within the dairy field. Council members starting from left to right: Patricia Shively, Giuseppe Schiano Di Cola, and Grace Ziegmont

### **Council Member Patricia Shively on the Union County West End Fair's "Kids Day"**

Back in the heat of fair season, Alyssa Bergenstock and I were invited to participate in the Union County West End Fair's "Kids Day," an event where local groups interact with youth in the community. Our activity involved



It was a fun day at the Union County West End Fair's "Kids Day" where we taught the kids about the life stages of a plant. Council member Patricia Shively with kids.

teaching kids of all ages about the life stages of a plant, using a lima bean seed, a cotton ball, a spritz of water, and a baggie. While some youth experienced this activity for



the first time, others remembered it from years prior and chose to help their peers — creating a leadership opportunity for themselves. Both Alyssa and I had a great time interacting with everyone who stopped by to chat and learn, including adults and other participating groups.

### **Council Member Helayna Hollobaugh at the Elk County Farm Bureau Meeting**

State Council member Helayna Hollobaugh made an appearance at the Elk County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting on September 20 in St. Marys, PA. Welcomed as a special guest, Helayna presented Elk County Farm Bureau President Roger Auman with a congratulatory citation celebrating the organization's 50th anniversary on behalf of State Representative Mike Armanini. She also had the pleasure of introducing guest speaker Chris Hoffman, president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

If you would like more news about 4-H visit their website at:  
<https://extension.psu.edu>  
 Email: [pa4h@psu.edu](mailto:pa4h@psu.edu)  
 Call: (814)863-3824



Throughout the meeting, Helayna conversed with several agricultural professionals, including local mushroom farmer Joe Kreckle, owner of Shiitake Joe's, and Jason Phipps, owner of The Brew Bank Brewing Company, which was featured on the cover of the September 2025 issue of Positively Pennsylvania magazine. In addition to local business owners, she met new agricultural educators who will be leading the recently incorporated agriculture curriculum at the St. Marys Area School District and its newly established FFA chapter. Also in attendance were Pennsylvania State Senator Chris Dush, Pennsylvania Game Warden Jack Lucas, and Alyson Bevacqua from the Elk County Conservation District.



State Council Helayna Hollobaugh attended the annual meeting of the Elk County Farm Bureau's members to celebrate their 50th Anniversary and present them with a congratulatory citation on behalf of State Representative Mike Armanini



# Friends' Photo Contest!

We celebrated agriculture around Pennsylvania through your camera lens this past year, this year we will focus on Pennsylvania Fairs!



As you attend one of the many fairs across the state, take your camera and be on the lookout for that special moment! Submit your photo to us by December 1.

**DETAILS:**

- Photographs can be submitted on our Social Media outlets, or emailed to FriendsFarmShow2026@gmail.com. Include the fair location and contact name/info.
- If too many images are submitted the board of directors will pick their top 10.
- Photographs will be displayed during the 2026 PA Farm Show at the **Friends' Booth** and placed Online after the show. So come vote for your favorite!
- The winner will receive a prize.



★★★ PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT IN ANY WAY ATTACHED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AT THE PA FARM SHOW ★★★

**To view the full PA Fair Schedule visit:**  
[www.pafairs.org/](http://www.pafairs.org/)



## Blue Ribbon Showmanship on Display at KILE

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** – The Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) was held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg from Sept. 25 through Oct. 5. Exhibitors from 22 states participated in the largest livestock show on the East Coast. With more than 5,000 entries, there was no shortage of talent, dedication, and hard work on display.

The Farm Show Complex hosted over 1,500 exhibitors showing goats, swine, ranch and draft horses, cattle, sheep, and wool. Vendors welcomed attendees to the Stockman's Trade Show, while 30 barbecue teams and 16 steak cook-off chefs filled the Cameron Street parking lot with the mouthwatering aroma of their best recipes. Across the complex, over 60 judges evaluated the competitors in each arena, recognizing excellence across every species and division.

### Supreme Champion Winners

Livestock exhibitors from across the country came to bring home the blue ribbon. Congratulations to the following supreme champions:

**Boar** – Evan Shoemaker of Keymar, Maryland

**Gilt** – Delaney Smith of Westminster, Maryland

**Draft Horse** – Oak Hall Farm of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania

**Ewe (Junior)** – Chad Hoover of Washington, Pennsylvania

**Ram (Junior)** – Lea Bielewicz of Hunt, New York

**Bull** – Piper Seiss of Thurmont, Maryland

**Female** – Eli Walther of Hagerstown, Indiana

**Ram (Open)** – Clayton Landis of PA Furnace, Pennsylvania

**Ewe (Open)** – Allison Oberholtzer of East Earl, Pennsylvania

**Female (Junior)** – Eli Walther of Hagerstown, Indiana

**Reserve Champion Female (Junior)** of Hogan Hendrickson – Farmland, Indiana

### 2025 Awards & Scholarships

During the 2025 KILE Awards Ceremony seven well-deserving students were

awarded scholarships by Cheryl Fairbairn, PA Livestock Association president. Congratulations to the following:

**Brooke Coble**, Penn State University

**Samantha Hayman**, Mount Aloysius

**Addison Heeter**, Penn State University

**Emma Heeter**, Penn State University

**Elon Horchler**, Oklahoma State University

**Eve McGargle**, Penn State University

**Olivia Sewalk**, University of Findlay

Michael Firestine had the honor of recognizing the following 4-H and FFA student award winners:

**Kendall Rose**, Cochranon

**Garrett Hubbard**, New Paris

**Joleigh Nailor**, Mechanicsburg

**Samson McGargle**, Alexandria



2025 Hall of Fame Honoree Jim Parlett.

Dean Troy Ott, Penn State College of Ag Sciences, Dennis Grumbine, PA Livestock Assoc., Jim Parlett, Ron Miller, PA Livestock Assoc., Sec. Russell Redding, PA Dept of Ag.

The **2025 Hall of Fame Honoree** was **Jim Parlett** presented by Dennis Grumbine.

Parlett is a long-time swine breeder from York County supporting the entire livestock industry since 1955. Grumbine also honored Ben Williamson, a long supporter of 4-H, youth and was the past Farm Show Junior Market chair, as he received the Heritage Award.

Additional scholarships were awarded to Kiersten Baker, Beef scholarship; and Helayna Hollobaugh, Draft Horse scholarship.

177 Stockman's contestants and 65 teams were graded on management of livestock, meat cuts and identification, livestock judging and identification of livestock tools and supplies during the

Stockman's Contest. Colton Alexander from the North Carolina 4-H Team B placed first in Overall Individual and North Carolina 4-H Team A consisting of Stephanie Suedbeck, Greyson Rouse, Lindsay Van Art and Aubrey Mekus received the blue ribbon for Overall Team.

Have you ever wondered if you have what it takes to be a KILE judge? With score cards in hand, junior and collegiate teams rotated from species-to-species trading shoes with professional judges to see how they rate.

**Individual Overall:** Ray Duncan, Purdue FFA

**Team Overall:** Michigan State consisting of Brady Sharbowski, Olivia Birchmeier, Julie Becker, Joscelyn Layman, Katie Doneth, Blain Wheeler, Griffin Linn and Coach Willert

**Junior Individual Overall:** Holly Howard, Indiana FFA

**Junior Team Overall:** Illinois FFA, Avery Knupp, Kashen Ellerbrock, Hannah Miller, Cole Kinsella and Coach Webel

### BBQ & Steak Cookoff Awards

30 teams from nine states and the United Kingdom came to Harrisburg to compete in the Keystone Classic Barbecue State Championships. Sunny and warm weather graced the teams including four of the top 25 in the United States as well as the number two team in Europe. Congratulations to Susquehanna Smokers, first time grand champion and Hot Mess BBQ, reserve champion. Four of the competitors are competing at the Jack Daniels Invitational BBQ. The steak cookoff which took place on Sunday, Oct. 5 welcomed 16 cooks from eight states with the top-rated cook from each state, vying for the grand champion honor. Two of the top three cooks in the country attended the contest. Congratulations to Dal Luther who is currently the top steak cook in the ranking for sweeping the contest.

KILE would like to thank all its sponsors, vendors, exhibitors, and judges for another successful show. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's show set for Sept. 24 through Oct. 4, 2026.



# Sebright Honored for Leadership in Pennsylvania's Dairy Industry



## DAIRY HALL OF FAME AWARD

This award was developed to recognize the outstanding service and accomplishments of Pennsylvania dairy leaders. Selection is based on character, leadership, and the development of youth in the dairy industry.

2025 Recipient: Jayne Sebright

PA Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Lisa Graybeal with 2025 Dairy Hall of Fame Award recipient Jayne Sebright at the All-America Dairy Show & Premier National Junior Events show at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg.

Jayne Sebright, Executive Director of the Center for Dairy Excellence and the Dairy Excellence Foundation, was recognized for her outstanding leadership and lifelong dedication to the dairy community with induction into the Dairy Hall of Fame. The honor was presented during the Premier National Junior Show Supreme Pageant on September 15, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center.

As executive director, Sebright oversees both the Center for Dairy Excellence, a public-private 501(c)(6) organization that supports Pennsylvania's dairy industry, and the Dairy Excellence Foundation, a charitable 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to cultivating the next generation of dairy producers, advocates, and consumers nationwide.

Under her direction, a team of eight creative and passionate professionals provides programming and resources that strengthen individual dairy farms and related

and resources that strengthen individual dairy farms and related businesses across the Commonwealth. The Foundation's education and outreach efforts now reach more than 2 million students annually, engaging 43,000 educators through the Adopt A Cow program, and inspiring more than 34,000 students through Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow. Each year, over \$70,000 in scholarships and on-farm internships are awarded in partnership with the dairy industry to support aspiring agricultural professionals.

Sebright joined the Center for Dairy Excellence in 2006 and has served as its director since 2016. A 1995 Penn State graduate, she earned her bachelor's degree in agricultural science with highest distinction. Her career has also included roles with Land O'Lakes, Lancaster Farming, and the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association (now part of the American Dairy Association Northeast).

Beyond her professional achievements, Sebright and her husband, Robby, operate a dairy and crop farm in East Berlin. They are the proud parents of three grown sons — George and his wife, Brooke; Charlie; and Eddie.

Sebright's induction into the Dairy Hall of Fame highlights her enduring impact on Pennsylvania's agricultural community and her commitment to ensuring a vibrant future for the dairy industry.

The Center for Dairy Excellence and Dairy Excellence Foundation work hand-in-hand to strengthen Pennsylvania's dairy industry. Through education, innovation, and community partnerships, they support farm families, develop future leaders, and ensure a vibrant, sustainable dairy future for generations to come.

Learn more at  
[centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org).



# First Time Farm Show Exhibitors- START HERE!

by PA Farm Show

Exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show can seem daunting your first time — but with the right preparation and knowledge of the rules, you can avoid surprises and make the most of your experience. Below are commonly asked questions drawn from our FAQ page on the Farm Show website, along with guidance to help you navigate your first year. **For the full FAQ page:**



## 1. How do I enter the Farm Show?

All entries must be made online, unless an exception is stated in your department's rules. Use the "Registration" link associated with your department (e.g. Livestock, Commodities, Family Living) via the Premium List pages.



After entering your information, be sure to hit submit — entries not submitted won't count. The final step is payment, which must be made online. No checks or cash will be accepted. Entries without completed payment by the deadline will be considered incomplete.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Farm Show staff (Mon. – Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) by calling 717-787-2905 or emailing [farmshow@pa.gov](mailto:farmshow@pa.gov).

## 2. What are the youth/4-H/FFA rules?

Youth exhibitors must be active members of 4-H or FFA, typically born between the specified years (for example, 2006–2016, as referenced in the FAQ) and carrying a supervised project. Youth must show their own animals in youth classes. If that's not possible, another youth exhibitor may show it in the youth division.

In many cases, youth entries are also required to compete in the open show (i.e., not limited to just youth competitions). There are open youth classes in

## 3. What are the registration timing, deadlines, and cancellation rules?

Entry deadlines vary by department—always check your department's rules and the first pages of the rule book for specific dates.



Late entries are not accepted.

If an entry is canceled on or before a given cutoff date, there is no penalty, but entry fees are not refunded.

Cancellations after the cutoff incur a \$100 penalty per animal.

## 4. Livestock exhibitor? Here are some common issues.

**Ownership and registration rules:** Typically, the exhibitor and the owner listed on the entry must be

the same person. If you lease an animal, list yourself as the owner and submit the appropriate lease paperwork at check-in.

Animals must be properly registered with their breed organization; if you lack the required paperwork or identification, the animal may be disqualified at check-in.

Substitutions are allowed within the same breed (i.e., you cannot switch to a different breed). If an entry is scratched (withdrawn), it cannot be reentered with the same animal or a different animal.

Use the class birthdate and eligibility rules listed in your department's rules to determine the correct class.

You can place a stalling request (which pen or with which exhibitor you prefer), but note it is only a request—not guaranteed.

If your item doesn't clearly match a class, it may be reassigned upon arrival or may not be accepted.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must be dated within 30 days of the show for most species.

For many animals, rabies vaccination is mandatory or highly recommended if age 3 months old or older (for breeding and market classes).



All animals must be identified on-site with an 840 ISO-compliant 15-digit ear tag, a USDA metal tag, or an approved implant. The CVI must include that tag or identification.

For youth exhibitors showing livestock, the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification is required in many junior market classes. Do not wait until the last minute.

For specialized species (e.g., poultry, turkeys), additional health, identification, or technician requirements may apply.

Initial bedding is provided. Additional bedding and feed can be purchased through the "Feed Room" on-site.

Trailers are allowed for unloading/loading, but are otherwise parked in designated lots

Camping on site is generally discouraged and is available only on a first-come, first-served basis (reservations are not accepted ahead of time).

Exhibitors generally receive one parking pass (livestock); additional passes can often be purchased with your entries or via the Farm Show Admin Office.

Junior Market animals are all sold through the Junior Market Sale on Tuesday. Eligible youth market animals are as follows: market cattle, market lamb, market swine, market goats, market turkeys, and meat rabbits.

## **5. I want to enter a commodity or a family living item.**

Almost all classes need to be preregistered to enter. Entry fee for Family Living and most commodities is \$1.00 up until December 15 and then \$2.00 from December 16 to the entry deadline of January 7, 2026.

Very few classes (e.g., Special Food Contests) require you to bring the item to a designated location at a scheduled time with no pre-registration beyond prior qualification at local fairs. This would include Homemade Chocolate Cake, Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest, PA Preferred Junior Baking Cookies/Brownies/Bars, and Incredible Angel Food Cake Contest.

Some departments limit the number of entries per exhibitor or per class—check your department's rules. For Family Living and other display-based departments, submit only one entry per class, adhere to size requirements, and ensure appropriate packaging/shipping. Refer to each department's rules first before you enter.

## **6. How and when do I pick up my entries or exhibits (Family Living/Commodities)?**

In most cases, items will need to be picked up after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the Farm Show. Alternatively, they may be claimed within 15 days after the show (check the show office for details). Double-check that you have all your items before leaving; errors sometimes occur in sorting or packing.

## **7. What additional advice for first-time exhibitors?**

Read everything carefully. Start with the "General Rules & Regulations" and "Code of Ethics," and then move into department rules you would like to enter.

Gather all necessary documentation well ahead of time (registration data, health certificates, identification tags, youth certifications).

Pay close attention to deadlines—entry, cancellation, arrival, show, etc

Be proactive in asking questions! Farm Show staff are available to help. Don't hesitate to call or email. For youth, don't postpone obtaining required certifications like YQCA.

Use stalling requests, but don't count on them being fulfilled exactly.

During delivery and teardown, follow instructions about where trailers are parked and when vehicles may enter the complex grounds.

Keep records (which classes you entered, records needed, weights, tags) so next year's planning is easier.







## PA Fair Queen enjoys traveling Pennsylvania

This year, being the 2025 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen, has been an unforgettable journey. Over the past few months, I've had the incredible opportunity to travel across the state, visiting fairs that showcase the best of Pennsylvania's agriculture, communities, and traditions.

In August, I traveled to Tioga County, where the views of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon were as breathtaking as the fair itself. Later that month, I visited the iconic Centre County Grange Fair, where their massive encampment truly felt like a town of its own—full of tradition, pride, and community spirit.



Ava traveled to many fairs throughout the course of this year, pictured are the Centre County, Grange Fair, Tioga County Fair and the The Great Allentown Fair.



Barnyard Chase, a fun and creative event full of local pride. I finished the month close to home, attending six of the seven Lancaster County fairs—each one a testament to the hard work and dedication of volunteers, youth, and agricultural leaders.

Every fair has its own unique charm, what stands out the most is the people. Their passion, hospitality,

and commitment to keeping our fair traditions alive have made this experience truly special.

As I continue representing fairs across the Commonwealth, I'm so grateful for this incredible opportunity—and excited for what's still to come.

-Ava Immel  
2025 PA State Fair Queen



## PA Alternate Fair Queen



PA Alternate Queen Brooke Beamesderfer enjoying time with Queen Ava at the West Lampeter Fair. She also attended, "Plant Yourself in Ag Day"

I have been blessed by the opportunity to serve alongside Ava as the 2025 Pennsylvania State Alternate Fair Queen. As I have grown up on my family's farm, I value the privilege to use my voice through this role to promote the importance of Pennsylvania agriculture.

As a cornerstone of our commonwealth's economy, agriculture is brought to life through local county fairs. Displaying the heart behind rural traditions fosters public understanding and support. The past few months have been filled with meaningful experiences that highlight this impact.

Shortly after returning to Penn State University to continue my Agribusiness Management degree, I visited the American Legion County Fair to celebrate their new court. Later in September, I joined "Plant Yourself in Ag" Day — an event hosted by my college to introduce high school students to potential careers in agriculture. I wrapped up September by exploring Ava's roots at the West Lampeter Fair, where I judged the baby parade and experienced my first-ever barnyard chase!

Each appearance, conversation, and simple smile shared throughout my travels continues to leave my heart full. It has been an honor to share my love for agriculture throughout the commonwealth, and I will continue to cherish each moment as Pennsylvania State Alternate Fair Queen.

-Brook Beamesderfer, 2025 PA Alternate Fair Queen

## Farm Show Junior Committee Kicks Off New Year With Team Retreat

The Pennsylvania Farm Show Junior Committee held its annual kickoff meeting and retreat on September 6-7 in Somerset County, PA.

The weekend began with educational tours of a local apiary and the National Johnstown Flood Memorial in neighboring Cambria County, followed by a meaningful visit to the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Afterward, the group gathered in New Centerville, hosted by Dave and Betty Lou Svonavec. Friday evening focused on team building and fellowship, with members enjoying make-your-own pizzas at Dough Girls Pizza and participating in a variety of interactive games designed to strengthen teamwork and communication.

Saturday's agenda included the committee's annual business meeting, where members reviewed expectations for the year ahead and took part in a Social Media Workshop led by Mallory Griocoskie. The retreat concluded with a visit to the New Centerville Farmers and Threshermen's Jubilee, where participants explored steam-powered equipment and learned about historic agricultural practices.

With the new year underway, the Junior Committee is eager to continue its mission of promoting Pennsylvania agriculture and assisting with events at the upcoming Pennsylvania Farm Show in January.



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Contact Rachel Schlegel at 717.682.2351 for more information.





## 2025 All-American Dairy Show Showcases Youth Talent, Quality Cattle & Outstanding Dairy Leaders

The 2025 All-American Dairy Show proved to be another outstanding celebration of the dairy industry, drawing exhibitors from across the country. This year's event welcomed over 1,400 exhibitors representing 34 states, highlighting the national reach and significance of the show. Over 2,000 head of cattle were showcased, contributing to an impressive 3,577 entries spread across 23 different shows.

Youth involvement was also a major highlight, as it has been in past years. There were 93 Junior Dairy Management participants and 45 Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest teams. New this year was the Youth Fitting Contest, boasting almost 40 contestants showcasing their fitting skills. This year, the youth really showcased their talent and the promising future of the dairy industry.

In addition to the dairy cattle show and youth competitions, the event recognized individuals who have made significant contributions to the industry. Jayne Sebright was inducted into the Dairy Hall of Fame, Steve Shaw received the Obie Snyder Award, and Betsy Musser was honored with the Image Award.

The 2025 AADS once again proved to be a premier gathering for the dairy industry, celebrating excellence in breeding, showmanship, skill, and industry leadership.

Full results and all photos can be found at All American Dairy Show: <https://allamericandairyshow.com>.



## Liberty Tree Program

During the American Revolutionary War, the Sons of Liberty often convened under the nation's original Liberty Tree in Boston to discuss their opposition to British rule in the colonies. This historic tree became a beacon of hope to colonists and a symbol of American freedom. In an attempt to stymie these colonists, the British destroyed Boston's Liberty Tree. Suddenly, patriots throughout the 13 colonies began to designate new Liberty Trees. The last known original Liberty Tree sat on the campus of Saint John's

University in Maryland, until it was destroyed by Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Today, seeds from a scion of the original tree are being collected, grown into seedlings, and planted across the Commonwealth!

Generously sponsored by and in partnership with the Pennsylvania Freemasons, America250PA's Liberty Tree Project includes a certified Liberty Tree planted in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties beginning in the Fall of 2021, through 2026.



This Liberty Tree was planted at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA.

To learn more about the Liberty Tree Project **visit their website:** [https://www.america250pa.org/PE:\\_Liberty\\_Trees](https://www.america250pa.org/PE:_Liberty_Trees)

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*Join the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation*

## BREAKFAST



**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

**7:00 A.M.**

**Banquet Hall, PA Farm Show**

*Join us for a special morning celebration!*

*Help us honor our 2026 scholarship winners, thank our 2025 Jr. Market Livestock Sale buyers, and recognize our amazing Foundation members and generous donors. Enjoy a delicious breakfast while celebrating the people who make it all possible!*



**RSVP & PAY ONLINE BY  
December 19, 2025.**

## JR MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE



**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Small Arena, PA Farm Show**

*All 2026 PA Farm Show Junior Market animals that meet the weight requirements, exhibit in designated classes, meet show placing requirements and are selected for the sale must consign their animals. The auction will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Sale of Champions and Supreme Showman then follows with the rest of the sale animals in this order lambs, goats, rabbits, turkeys, swine, cattle. The sale is a culmination of months of effort and care these young exhibitors have put into their animal projects.*

**Buying is open to all that are willing to bid, buy, and support — whether you're a seasoned buyer or a first-time attendee, your participation makes a lasting impact. Come be part of this meaningful tradition and help us invest in the future of agriculture- our youth exhibitors.**

**Support. Celebrate. Bid. Buy. Make a difference.**



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*Entries are open!*

NOV  
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Ag Ed: Ag Mechanics, Demonstrations  
Ag Ed: Landscape & Window Exhibits  
Ag Ed: Antique Lawn/Garden Tractor Restoration

NOV  
6

Draft Horse, Sheep, Swine, Beef Cattle  
Dairy cattle, Dairy Goats, Alpacas/Llamas  
Meat Goats

NOV  
7

Wine, Cider, Spirits, Beer

NOV  
13

Cheese, Square Dance

DEC  
1

Poultry, Rabbits, Ag Marketing  
Ag Ed: Horticultural Exhibits, Ag Science Fair  
Ag Ed: Competition Crate

DEC  
15

Wool, Family Living Exceptionalities  
Youth Public Speaking, Coloring Contest

JAN  
7

Grains, Straw, Potatoes, Fruit, Nuts, Vegetables,  
Mushrooms, Maple, Apiary, Christmas Trees  
Christmas Weaths, Family Living

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# JANUARY 10-17, 2026





# America 250 SPECIAL CONTESTS

## Family Living - Red, White & Blue Theme

- Jazzy Jar
- Bookmark
- America250 Apron
- Canned Goods: 3 Jar Display
- Florals (Centerpiece or Fairy Garden)
- America250 Ornament Youth Contest

## Apiary

- Class 34 and 35: Honey Production/Processing Over 250 Years

## Mushrooms - America 250 Theme

- Centerpiece Arrangement

## Edible Nuts - America 250 Theme

- Art Sculpture/Carving using PA nuts/nut shells, etc. in a shadow box
- Heritage Nut Tree Photography

## Christmas Trees - Red, White & Blue Theme

- Porch Pots

## PA FARM SHOW JANUARY 10-17, 2026

## Ag Ed - America 250 Theme

- Demonstrations, Window Exhibits, Horticulture, and Landscapes

## Vegetable - Patriotic Theme

- Junior Decorating Classes

## Fruit - Red, White & Blue Theme

- Roadside Market Class

## Potatoes - Red, White & Blue Theme

- Potato Basket: 10 red, white and blue potatoes

## Swine: America 250 Theme

- Youth Heritage Breeds Poster Contest- Celebrate Historic Breeds

## Wool: Patriotic Themes encouraged

- Sheep to Shawl and Fleece to Shawl Contests

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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 \$2 million to the educational programs at the Farm Show.

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

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

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

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## Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center Schedule Highlights of Upcoming Events

Nov. 3, 2025	Standardbred Horse Show
Nov. 15, 2025	Spirit Unlimited Hbg Challenge
Nov. 15, 2025.	Quarter Midget Racing
Dec. 3 - 7, 2025	PA Christmas Show
Dec. 13, 2025	PA Youth Livestock Expo

**Jan. 10-17, 2026 PA Farm Show 2026**

Plus hundreds of other entertaining  
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See the full schedule here

