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2023 PA Farm Show Food Court Opens Friday: Ag Secretary Previews Menu, Highlighting Pennsylvanians Who Benefit from Sales

Harrisburg, PA – Agriculture Russell Redding hosted area media today for a preview of items on the menu in the 2023 Farm Show Food Court, and the Pennsylvanians in agriculture who benefit from the sales. The Food Court will open to the public Friday, January 6 from noon to 9:00 PM. Admission and parking for the day are free.

On Saturday, January 7, the 2023 Pennsylvania Farm Show will officially open for eight days of family fun, education and excitement with the people who make Pennsylvania's \$132.5 billion agriculture industry thrive.

"Pennsylvania agriculture feeds our families and our economy every day," said Redding. "The non-profit groups who feed hungry crowds during the Farm Show represent the past, present, and future of our industry — the people who produce the food that feeds our families and our economy and supports nearly 600,000 jobs across Pennsylvania, and the young people pursuing careers in agriculture who will feed us tomorrow. The Farm Show is your chance to taste a slice of Pennsylvania and feed the future of agriculture while you're at it."

Featured menu items included:

PA FFA Foundation – Apple Pie Pizza, sourced by Knouse Foods
PennAg Industries – Hemp Tea, Pulled Pork Nachos, Chicken Breast Sandwiches, Chicken Tenders
PA Beekeepers Assoc. – Freshly-made Waffles with PA-produced Honey and Honey Ice Cream drizzled with honey and produced by Halls and Longacres.

PA Cooperative Potato Growers – Potato Donuts, Baked Potatoes, Pierogies

PA Dairymen's Association – Milkshakes, Cheese Cubes, and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

State Horticultural Association of PA – Apple Cotton Candy

Mushroom Farmers of PA – Blended Mushroom Steakhouse Burger, Shredded Portobello Nachos, Breaded Whole White Mushrooms, Portabella Jerky, Mushroom Crumble

Pennsylvania Livestock Association – the Flying Porker BBQ sandwich

The full <u>Food Court menu</u>, hours, and information about producer organizations and their sales can be found at <u>farmshow.pa.gov</u>.

Sales support not only the producers, but the non-profit organizations representing them, and the professional and educational activities, and youth agriculture scholarships they offer throughout the year.

The <u>Pennsylvania Farm Show</u> is the Pennsylvania State Fair® and the nation's largest indoor agricultural event, featuring 12,000 competitive exhibits, nearly 6,000 animals, and 275 commercial exhibitors. The show runs from January 7 through 14. Admission is free and parking is \$15 in Farm Show lots. The Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center is easily accessible from Interstates 81 and 83.

Find a complete schedule of events, competition results, show highlights, and more information at <u>farmshow.pa.gov</u>.

Note: Photos and video from the event will be available at <u>pacast.com</u>.

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