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Shapiro Administration Announces 2025 PA Farm Show Theme: Powering Pennsylvania

PA Preferred® business Oregon Dairy embodies the 2025 Pennsylvania State Fair™ theme as an innovative, family-run agritourism destination, green-energy producer, and community economic driver.

Lititz, PA – Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding and Community and Economic Development Secretary Rick Siger announced the 2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show theme, Powering Pennsylvania, today at Oregon Dairy in Lititz. The Lancaster County business embodies the 2025 Pennsylvania State Fair[™] theme as a family-run agritourism destination, green-energy producer, and community economic driver.

"Agriculture powers Pennsylvania," said **Secretary Redding**. "We hope you'll join us in January to kick off your 2025 with people like Oregon Dairy's Hurst and Forry families, who power our families with nutritious food every day. Thousands of farm families join them in powering our economy, supporting 593,000 jobs and pouring more than \$132.5 billion into our communities every year; and increasingly producing green energy that literally keeps lights on and businesses running. The **Shapiro Administration** is proud to support Pennsylvania agriculture and the innovative Pennsylvanians who power our daily lives and make us a national leader."

<u>Oregon Dairy</u> has grown from a 1952 mom-and-pop dairy farm to today's innovative dairy destination with locally-sourced products featured on the annual <u>PA Preferred</u> <u>Scooped: an Ice Cream Trail</u>; a full-service supermarket, bakery and restaurant; and community education and tourism hub fostering an understanding of sustainable food production — all on a working farm powered by solar panels, recycling, and a manure digester that turns waste into energy.

"Powering Pennsylvania is the perfect theme for the 2025 Farm Show, as agriculture and businesses like Oregon Dairy are truly the backbone of the Commonwealth's economy," said **DCED Secretary Siger**. "That's why agriculture is one of the five key industries we're focusing on in Pennsylvania's economic development strategy. The Shapiro Administration knows it's one of our greatest strengths, and we're doubling down to support the growth and continued innovation of this vital industry." Every year, the PA Farm Show, Pennsylvania's State Fair[™], brings half a million visitors to the capitol city for eight days of competition, and family fun with an educational twist. The 2025 event will run from Saturday, January 4 through Saturday, January 11 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg. The 2025 Farm Show will feature fan-favorites like the 1,000-pound butter sculpture, delicious Farm Show Food Court, thousands of competitive agricultural events, homegrown cooking demonstrations at the PA Preferred® Culinary Connection, and more than one million square-feet of hands-on agriculture education opportunities and chances to engage with the people who power Pennsylvania through agriculture.

To stay up to date on PA Farm Show news, visit <u>farmshow.pa.gov</u> or follow the Pennsylvania Farm Show on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

Governor Josh Shapiro's bipartisan 2024-25 budget invests in Pennsylvania's national legacy as a leader in agriculture. The Governor's new <u>Economic Development</u> <u>Strategy</u> recognizes agriculture, along with energy, manufacturing, robotics, and technology as key to Pennsylvania's future economic success.

Learn more about Pennsylvania investments in agriculture at pa.gov/aginnovation.



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