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**ADVISORY – TODAY – CUMBERLAND COUNTY – Shapiro
Administration to Announce \$500,000 New Investment to Support
Pennsylvania Farms, Markets, and Local Economy**

Mechanicsburg, PA – Today, **Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** will tour **Oak Grove Farms**, a PA Preferred® farm market in Cumberland County, to announce a new grant opportunity through the **Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture**, supporting Pennsylvania farmers and agricultural producers in marketing their products.

Governor Josh Shapiro signed legislation in November 2023, giving the PA Preferred program the authority to offer grants. The grants announced today are the first offered since the state's branding program for local agricultural products was originally funded in 2011.

The grants are among several investments the Shapiro Administration has made to bolster Pennsylvania's leadership and growth in sales of organic agricultural products, in which Pennsylvania ranks third in the U.S. Pennsylvania ranks first in the nation in organic livestock, poultry and mushroom sales.

WHO:

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding
Oak Grove Farms Market Co-owner Brian Lebo

WHEN: Monday, April 20, 11 a.m.

WHERE: Oak Grove Farms, 846 Fisher Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

RSVP: Press interested in attending should RSVP to aginfo@pa.gov

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