

## “Connecting Our Communities”

The Butter Sculpture. The Sheep to Shawl Contest. Breaded Mushrooms. Milkshakes.

Mention these words to any Pennsylvanian, and they will immediately know what you’re talking about – an annual event which is the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the country.

The 108th Pennsylvania Farm Show will be held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, January 6-13, 2024. With more than 10,000 competitive events spread over 35 departments, there is something for visitors of all ages and interests. For many, the hands-on activities are the chance to get up close and truly connect with production agriculture. It is a unique showcase of a multi-faceted industry which employs nearly half a million people and contributes \$132.5 billion to Pennsylvania’s economy each year.

State Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding announced the 2024 Farm Show theme is “Connecting Our Communities.” Redding noted that this theme “speaks to the power of agriculture to connect our diverse communities in Pennsylvania. It’s about nourishing our communities, enriching our relationships, and strengthening the Commonwealth for generations to come.”

Matt Espenshade, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, said Grange members can certainly relate to this year’s theme. Much like agriculture, the Grange has been ‘connecting our communities’ through grassroots advocacy and rural service projects for more than 150 years.

“The Farm Show is a celebration of Pennsylvania agriculture. The abundance we enjoy comes from the tireless efforts and rugged hands of many, all working together to provide the food, fuel and fiber we depend on,” said Espenshade.

While attending the Farm Show, please visit the Pennsylvania State Grange booth located in Main Hall. Our popular cookbooks, 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary ornaments and commemorative booklets will be available for purchase while supplies last. A miniature version of the statewide Heritage Quilt Trail will again be a highlight, and an accompanying scavenger hunt will allow participants to learn interesting details about the quilt designs and backstory.

Competitive Events, Commercial Events, and the Food Court are open from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm January 6-12. They are open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on January 13.

For more information, including a daily schedule of events, visit the website:  
[www.farmshow.pa.gov](http://www.farmshow.pa.gov)