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Chester County Wins Big at Pennsylvania Farm Show

West Chester, PA –Chester County farmers and producers received high marks from Pennsylvania Farm Show judges last week, resulting in an impressive array of ribbons in almost every agricultural discipline in the show's 99th year of operation.

Chester County cheesemakers swept all three "Best of Show" top spots in the Show's first-ever cheese competition. The Farm at Doe Run (Coatesville, Pa.) took first place with their "Seven Sisters" cheese, while Yellow Springs Farm's (Chester Springs, Pa.) "Cloud Nine" cheese and Birchrun Hills Farm's (Chester Springs, Pa.) "Tomme Mole" cheese earned second and third places overall, in addition to several other ribbons in their various subcategories.

In addition, September Farms (Honeybrook, Pa) and Shellbark Hollow Farm (West Chester, Pa) won several ribbons in their specific subcategories rounding out the impressive roster of wins.

Chester County mushroom producers To-Jo Mushrooms (Avondale, Pa.) and Phillips Mushroom Farm (Kennett Square, Pa.) took first and third places in the overall mushroom exhibitor competition, continuing the county's tradition of impressive competition results as the top mushroom producing county in the nation.

"We are very proud of the farmers and producers who did such a great job of demonstrating the agricultural excellence Chester County is famous for," said Chris Alonzo, Board Chair of the Chester County Ag Council and President of Pietro Mushrooms.

"From our outstanding results in the cheese competition to our solid showing in mushrooms and livestock, the Farm Show allows us to showcase all the many ways agriculture is the top industry here in Chester County."

Poultry, dairy and beef cattle, and sheep were additional county standouts in the final competition results. Chester County residents also earned ribbons for their baking skills, farm photography and singing talents.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show, the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the nation, hosts nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial exhibits.

For a complete list of Farm Show competition winners in Chester County:

http://www.farmshow.state.pa.us/Results_Counties.aspx?Y=2015&County=15&CountyName=CHESTER

For more information about the Pennsylvania Farm Show:

<http://www.farmshow.state.pa.us/>

About the Chester County Agricultural Development Council

The Chester County Agricultural Development Council promotes agriculture in Chester County by raising awareness on issues regarding the viability of local agriculture and promoting agricultural excellence and farming. For more information, visit the website at www.chesco.org/agdev and find us on .