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Chester County Local Farm Products Guide now available New interactive Farm Finder map and Spanish language edition

WEST CHESTER, PA_ The Chester County Board of Commissioners and the Agricultural Development Council (Ag Council) are pleased to announce the availability of the 2017 Chester County Local Farm Products guide.

The guide includes a list of over 120 farm producers, a map showing where to find a wide variety of farm-fresh products, and profiles of a local Olympic equestrian, the county's Farmer of the Year award winners, an artisanal cheesemaker, and more.

In an effort to reach an even greater audience, the Ag Council now offers an interactive Farm Finder map and a Spanish language edition of the guide. The Farm Finder map (www.chesco.org/farmfinder) allows users to search by farm product, address and even their municipality. It provides information on what products farms carry and directions from their location.

The Spanish language version of the guide is a new partnership effort between the Ag Council and the Chester County Health Department to reach out to Spanish speakers. This initiative stemmed from a coalition activity led by the American Heart Association ANCHOR program to promote healthy eating choices.

Speaking on behalf of the Chester County Board of Commissioners, Commissioners' Chair Michelle Kichline noted: "The Local Farm Products Guide has become a favorite for residents and we are happy to have such a great resource, including the Spanish language edition, to help connect them to local farm products. The guide also provides readers with an insight into what agriculture in the county is all about."

Chester County's Local Farm Products Guide is available at a number of locations including the Government Services Center (601 Westtown Road, West Chester, Pa.), the Chester County administration building at 313 West Market Street in West Chester, Pa., as well as local libraries, municipal buildings and many other local food destinations throughout the county.

The farm guides, Farm Finder and other seasonal product information is available online at www.chesco.org/agdev/farmguide.

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The [Chester County Agricultural Development Council](http://www.chesco.org/agdev) (Ag Council) raises awareness of the economic impact of the local farming industry and promotes excellence in farming. This outreach assists county farmers market their businesses, helps create an environment to attract new farmers, and informs residents and municipal officials about the importance of local agriculture. We also partner with other organizations to address agricultural issues. For more information, visit us at www.chesco.org/agdev, Facebook and Instagram pages.