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Pennsylvania Farm Show Earns International Recognition for Showcase of Agriculture

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Farm Show received top honors from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions for its commitment to agricultural competition and consumer education at the 2012 show.

"The Pennsylvania Farm Show is a unique hands-on educational opportunity for all consumers and producers," said Agriculture Secretary George Greig. "We showcase the great work being done by the state's nearly 63,000 farm families to produce quality, safe agricultural products right here in Pennsylvania. I thank my staff for their efforts in preparing a top-notch show that Pennsylvanians can be proud of."

The association recognized the show's Today's Agriculture exhibit with the prestigious judge's choice award.

The exhibit, housed within the Weis Exposition Hall, featured a full-size barn with livestock in modern production agriculture settings. It also included fields of living corn and soybean crops and simulated planting and harvesting with the latest in farm machinery and conservation practices. Livestock experts manning the exhibit answered consumer questions and shared information about raising the animals. The display was supported by The Pennsylvania Alliance for Animal Care and Well-Being, PennAg Industries Association and FFA chapters.

The Farm Show also received awards in several photo categories and for the 2012 Farm Show Souvenir Book. The awards were presented in Las Vegas at the association's convention.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is the largest indoor agricultural event in the nation, featuring nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial exhibitors. The show runs Jan. 5-12 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg. Admission is free and parking is $10. For more information, visit www.farmshow.state.pa.us.

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