



2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show

Explore the breadth of Pennsylvania agriculture during the 109th Pennsylvania Farm Show, January 4th - January 11th, 2025, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg.

This year's theme, "[Powering Pennsylvania](#)" celebrates the innovative Pennsylvanians who power our daily lives with nutritious food, and power our economy, supporting more than 593,000 jobs and pouring more than \$132.5 billion into our economy every year. Increasingly, they produce green energy that literally keeps the lights on and businesses running.

Pennsylvania proudly hosts the largest indoor agricultural exposition under one roof in the nation. The annual PA Farm Show, Pennsylvania's State Fair™ showcases the quality and breadth of Pennsylvania's agriculture industry and the people who make it thrive. With more than 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial exhibitors, students have endless opportunities to be engaged, inspired and enlightened. The Farm Show gives students a chance to see their peers and adults compete, demonstrating the best in animal care, breeding, and skill. They can soak in Pennsylvania history, and traditional crafts, in competitions and demonstrations of time-honored traditions, plus cutting-edge technology at work in agriculture, and endless opportunities to encounter animals, plants, science, careers, and culture up-close.

Visitors to the 2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show can participate in [AgExplorer](#), which includes nearly 30 interactive learning stations demonstrating real-life applications of classroom concepts. After visiting AgExplorer stations, visitors will understand how food gets from the farm to their plates, understand the connection between bees and their food supply, explore the connection between STEM and agriculture through the agriculture mechanics contest and so much more about what is behind the food, fiber and fuel that sustains us all.

The Pennsylvania School Code requires school boards in Pennsylvania to adopt policies permitting students to be excused from school for the purpose of presenting 4-
 Hand FFA projects at the Farm Show, as well as at county and local fairs. See PA DC

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Additionally, the Pennsylvania School Code (24 P.S. §5-517) provides for student attendance at the Pennsylvania Farm Show:

“The Board of School Directors may also authorize the transportation of pupils to the State Farm Show and to other exhibitions and places of interest, when their attendance at the same is deemed of educational value to such pupils....”

The law specifically mentions attendance at the Pennsylvania Farm Show as an educational event if so deemed by the board of school directors of the local school district (including charter schools).

In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania State Police, the City of Harrisburg, and the Harrisburg Area Community College, we have developed alternate traffic routes for access to the Farm Show to assist school districts.

School buses can drop off students at the Cameron Street entrance. If you plan to attend with your students, you should [complete the PA Farm Show Attendance form](#). If any of your transportation officials require additional information, please contact Richard Gagliano, Chief of Security, at 717-346-4233 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. In case of emergency, call 717-231-6565. Officers in the circle will help direct buses to parking locations.

For a complete list of activities, visit the [Pennsylvania Farm Show website](#).

We hope to see you and your students at the 109th Pennsylvania Farm Show. If you are planning to attend the 2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show with your students, please complete this form.

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If you have any additional questions, please contact chmdavi@pa.gov.



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