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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUTDOOR 'TOAST TO DAIRY' CELEBRATION ON JUNE 17

Purchase Tickets by May 1 to Receive Early-Bird Discount

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Dairy Excellence Foundation is hosting its annual farm-to-fork celebration, "A Toast to Dairy," on Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 6-9 p.m. The outdoor gathering will be a safe, socially distanced event, taking place at the Historic Acres of Hershey in Elizabethtown, Pa. The event includes meal stations sourced with Pennsylvania Preferred ingredients, a selection of artisan cheeses, and locally crafted wines and brews. Individuals who purchase tickets by May 1 will receive an early-bird discount with \$10 off each ticket.

New this year, the event will feature tastings from local wineries and breweries. Attendees will receive a tasting passport and enjoy local cheese pairings at each stop, carefully paired by the Pennsylvania Cheese Guild. The event will also include live music, a caricature artist, raffles, outdoor activities, and opportunities to network with individuals from the dairy community and beyond.

"A Toast to Dairy" benefits the next generation of dairy and supports the scholarships, internships and curriculum the Dairy Excellence Foundation provides to students and educators across the state. This year's event will highlight the Foundation's on-farm internship program, which gives college students the opportunity to gain on-farm experience on progressive dairy farms.

Learn more about the farm-to-fork event:

• When: Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 6-9 p.m.

 Where: Historic Acres of Hershey 3425 Old Hershey Road Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Cost: \$75 per person – individuals who purchase tickets by May 1 will receive \$10 off

• **How to purchase tickets:** Visit <u>centerfordairyexcellence.org/toasttodairy</u> or call the Foundation at 717-346-0849

Discounted rates are available for groups or organizations that purchase bundles of eight tickets. All proceeds from the event will support the scholarships, internships and curriculum provided through the Dairy Excellence Foundation.

To sponsor the event, email Katie Waite at kwaite@centerfordairyexcellence.org or call 814-644-9909. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org/toasttodairy.

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The Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax deductible organization that is Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) approved. Established in 2010, the foundation's mission is to build and invest in programs that cultivate and empower the next generation of producers, consumers, and advocates for the Pennsylvania dairy industry. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org/our-foundation/.

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