### **Food Products Month**

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have had success, but we need more," he said.

Speaking at a reception in Harrisburg Wednesday, Sen. Noah Wenger of the Senate Agriculture Committee said, "The Senate Ag Committee salutes the Pennsylvania ag community." Wenger pointed out how important food processing, from the producer to the consumer, is to Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania's Citing production of poultry, eggs, milk, fruits and other agricultural products, Wenger said that Pennsylvania farmers support the largest food processing industry in the country. And, because of the quality and volume of the goods they produce, he said, "consumers are able to enjoy a variety for

The senator urged citizens to familiar with become more Pennsylvania's food products during the month of August.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Commerce James Pickard spoke of the close relationship shared by commerce and agriculture. "Agriculture has a very important part to play," he noted.

Pickard challenged representatives from agriculture, commerce and restaurants to continue

making milestones like those that have been accomplished in past years. While the past has been good, he said, a lot of room for improvement remains.

An indoor farmer's market featuring Pennsylvania-grown foods and the state's commodity queens were also on hand to help kick off the month-long promotion.

Sampling a ham and cheese omlet prepared by Pennsylvania Poultry Queen Brenda Hershey,

Elaine Weaver of Harrisburg, said it was delicious. Others apparently shared her opinion as shoppers lined up for a taste of Pennsylvania products, including cherries, honey, mushrooms, peaches and candy.

Other special events scheduled for the month include Farm-City Days in Erie, Pennsylvania Food Products Day in Scranton, and Pennsylvania Food Products Day in Williamsport.



Pennsylvania Honey Queen Martha Herr scoops up some fudge sauce made with honey for hungry shoppers at the Strawberry Square shopping mall in Harrisburg.



Pennsylvania Poultry Queen Brenda Hershey prepares an omlet for Elaine Weaver of Harrisburg, while Pork King Gene Wenger offers his assistance. A number of Pennsylvania commodity queens were on hand at the kick-off ceremonies for Pennsylvania Food Products Month.

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