

# Capital Budget Funds Released For Farm Show Floor

HARRISBURG (May 6) — Gov. Robert P. Casey released \$1.3 million in state capital budget funds for a project to replace flooring in the main exhibition area of the State Farm Show Complex.

The project will provide a new, non-skid concrete surface for more than 146,000 square feet of exhibition space.

"The floor project is continuing evidence of the commonwealth's commitment to supporting the agricultural sector, the leading

industry for Pennsylvania's economy year after year," Gov. Casey said.

"In recent years, we have replaced heating, lighting, sound systems, and the roof of the Large Arena. We also enlarged the Farm Show with the addition of the Livestock Exhibition Hall, which added nearly two acres to the building," the governor said.

The governor thanked Rep. William Lloyd, chairman of the House Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee and Sen. Pat-

rick Stapleton, minority chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, for their efforts to secure the project.

The facility each January houses the Pennsylvania State Farm Show, one of the world's largest indoor agricultural exhibits.

The floor to be replaced is asphalt tile that offers poor traction for hooved animals.

The Farm Show Complex is

being used for an increasing number of agricultural and nonagricultural exhibitions. More than 60 events are scheduled this year in the complex, in addition to more than 20 Harrisburg Heat indoor soccer games.

Work on the Main exhibition Building floor will be completed during the summer months so that construction does not disrupt other activities within the Farm Show

Complex.

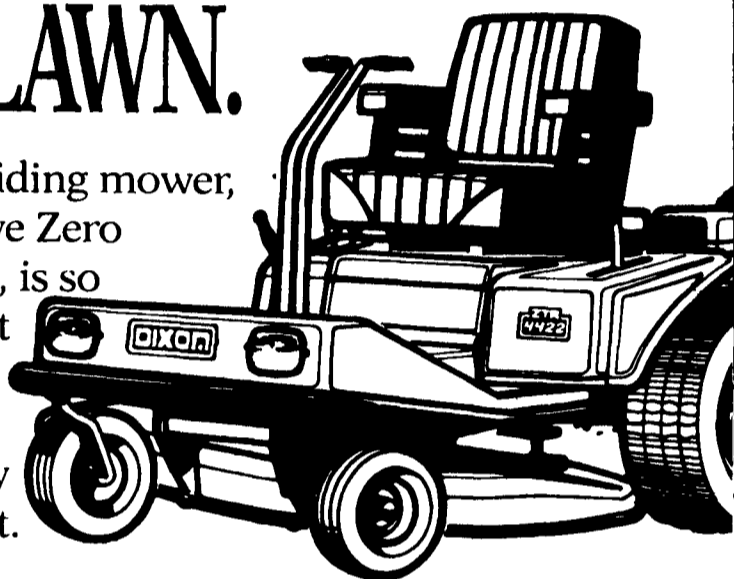
The governor's action to release the funding will allow the Department of General Services to advertise for construction bids for the project, which already has been designed.

The project is part of the state capital budget, which finances the design and construction of public facilities through the sale of government bonds.

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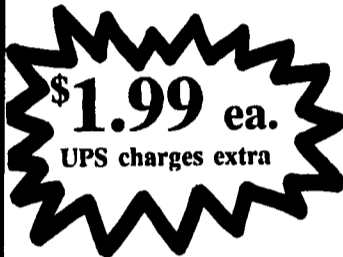
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