

Governor-elect Tom Ridge, left, and Dennis Grumbine, chairman, Farm Show committee, discuss the huge 164-pound squash on display during a tour of the show late

Ridge Tours Farm Show

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that circulated the Farm Show from begining to end and invaded almost every conversation was left unanswered. "No department is any more important than any other," Ridge said. "I gotta do this right. I have a chance to put together an all-star team from foul line to foul line. I'm going to take my time. It's more important that I do it right than do it quickly.

"I am involved and will continue to be involved not only at the secretary level but also at the deputy secretary level. The ag secretary will not be named until after the inauguration,' Ridge said.

And if Ridge had any idea who the new ag secretary might be, he wasn't saying. "There are many qualified individuals around the commonwealth to serve as ag secretary," Ridge said. "One of the challenges I have had is to go through and give each recommendation that has been made an honest individual attention. The ag secretary needs to understand and fully appreciate the many dimensions of production agriculture and agribusiness. The ag secretary needs to understand and share my view that we not only need to promote it, we need to market it. I'm big on exports. The ag secretary will have to share that commitment and vision and understand that ag is big business in Pennsylvania and appreciate the potential of economic development in the ag

sector. "This place (the Farm Show building) is a fundamental asset, an incredible facility with 16 acres under roof," Ridge said. "It shows the very best of agriculture, a very high point of Pennsylvania's economy, not only to Pennsylvanians but to the

rest of the world. This show in such an environment is a real plus for nians to promote the Pennsylvania.

"It will be nice to work with Pennsylvastate and to be an advo-

our farms and factories, they would understand that Pennsylvania has many years and decades ahead. We just need to harness that potential. There is nothing wrong with Pennsylvania that Pennsylvanians can't

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ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) -Lehigh Valley County Agent Dave Dunbar announced that the Lehigh and Northampton County Crops Day will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the UGI Auditorium in Bethlehem.

Subjects to be covered are worker protection standards, government programs, weed management update, integrated pest man-

cate for the state. I think

Pennsylvania has yet to

realize its fullest potential. If people would

have traveled around

Pennsylvania visiting

agement, conservation tillage, insect management update, and complete pesticide applicator training forms.

Dunbar noted that no reservations are needed, and all are welcome. The program qualifies for three category (01+ 18) pesticide update credits and two core pesticide credits.

The UGI Auditorium is located at 2121 City Line Rd. in the Lehigh

Valley Industrial Park by the Lehigh Valley International Airport. Take Route 22 to Airport Rd. North exit. Go north to second traffic light, turn right on City Line Rd. Go to Avenue B — (first street on right). Building is on the southeast corner, parking is in the rear.

Farmers can visit commercial exhibits beginning at 9 a.m. Exhibitors will serve coffee and doughnuts. Lunch will be on your own.

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