



One of his first official acts on the day the state Senate confirmed his appointment, state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius leads the Ag Day buffet luncheon line with Pat Suek, president of Penn's Agri-Women.



From the left, state Rep. Shella Miller, R-Berks, and state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius talk with Pat Suek, president of Penn's Agri-Women.

In celebration of National Ag Day, Pat Suek, president of the Penn's Agri-Women, presents a fruit and commodities basket to newly confirmed state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius.

Gov. Tom Ridge, who was unable to attend the Ag Day events due to legislative activities.

The gift fruit baskets were made and donated for the event by Brown's Orchards Farm Market of Loganville, York County.

Following his Ag Day comments, Secretary Brosius and Penn's Agri-Women President Pat Suek opened the buffet line to a bounteous spread of Pennsylvania-produced food commodities.

Participating with Agri-Women in assembling the buffet were the Pennsylvania Beef Council, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the Commodity Round Table.

Two hours later, an estimated 1,000 legislators, staffers and guests at the Capitol had partaken of the buffet highlighting Pennsylvania-produced foods.

Featured on the menu were 70 pounds each of ham and cheese, 30 pounds of bologna, another 25 of venison bologna, with four dozen loaves of assorted breads for sandwich-making. Some 800 tortilla, beef, spinach and tomato "tailgate roll-ups" added to the entree selections.

Ag Day diners also enjoyed 27 dozen red beet eggs, six pounds of fresh mushrooms, a couple dozen jars of marinated mushrooms, and dipped numerous trays of fresh vegetables into five gallons of dairy-based dips. Four bushels of fresh apples and a variety of cakes and pastries rounded out the buffet's dessert offerings, accompanied by five hundred half-pints of white and chocolate milk.

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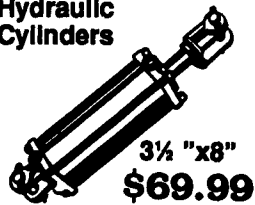
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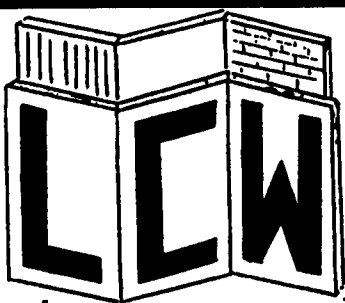
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