

# Gov. Schweiker Introduces New Farm Show Complex

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years and years and years," said Hayes.

"It's a great day for agriculture and a great day for Pennsylvania."

During the ceremonies, Kelly Powell Logan, secretary for the Department of General Services, presented the ceremonial key to Hayes for the work done by the commission with the legislature

to make the construction a reality.

Construction was "something that should have been accomplished three or four decades ago," noted Hayes.

Groundbreaking on the expansion — which includes a renovated New Foyer, Farm Show offices, a spine system to direct pedestrian traffic, a new Equine Arena, horse barn, refurbished Banquet Hall (replacing the Family Living Exhibit Area), and a 359,000-square-foot Exhibit Hall — took place late in September last year. Construction finished this month.

"This historic expansion project now gives Pennsylvania more than 1 million square feet of space for agricultural events," Schweiker said. "It's also sure to attract more shows to the complex, in addition to the more than 200 shows that come here each year."

Said Schweiker, "We are here because of the determination, foresight, vision, and support of so many people."

Schweiker referred to "Coach Hayes" and the persistence and organizational skills of the Commission. Schweiker, a Republican, noted the ribbon-cutting comes at a time that is bitter-



About a thousand people attended the ribbon-cutting ceremonies in the new Exhibit Hall at the Farm Show Complex Tuesday morning.



Presenting the ceremonial key to the Farm Show Complex is Kelly Logan, far left, secretary for the Department of General Services, to, from left, Sam Hayes, secretary of agriculture; Dennis Grumbine, Farm Show director; Merle Ryan, deputy secretary for public works; and Gov. Schweiker. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor

sweet, since this responsibility is one of many swan songs while he finishes his term of office, to be succeeded by Governor-Elect Ed Rendell, a Democrat.

The last time representing the Farm Show "makes it a little bit bitter, but sweet, that we can enjoy it together," Schweiker said.

Schweiker drew parallels be-

tween William Penn, the state's founder and farmer, the state's first chief executive. Schweiker himself, like Penn, hails from Bucks County. "I'm the second governor from Bucks County," he said.

Schweiker pointed out the determination and spirit and "grit

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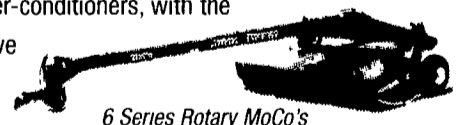
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