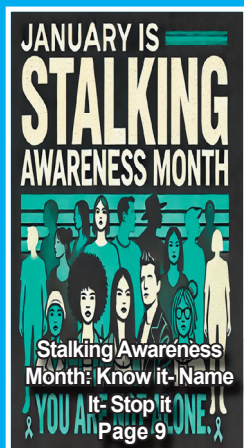



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Pa. Farm Show's 'Powering Pennsylvania' Butter Sculpture, What's New For 2025

By PA. Farm Show

HARRISBURG, Pa. -- Thousands of people and animals will soon be flocking to Harrisburg for the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The week-long event at the PA Farm Show Complex kicks off this weekend, and Thursday was the unveiling of the beloved butter sculpture.

Farmer Kacie Hershey considers cows to be nature's superheroes and says this year's Farm Show butter sculpture brings that story to life.

"Our cows help upcycle food scraps, enrich the soil, reduce carbon food prints and contribute to renewable energy," said Hershey. "It's truly incredible to think about how much these animals help to power Pennsylvania."

The sculpture features a life-sized cow next to a methane digester, which is a renewable energy system, plus some farm and some city.

Montgomery County artists Jim Victor and Marie Pelton spent two weeks in the butter booth, molding together more than 1,000 pounds of butter, donated by Land O'Lakes.

"This art that we have created shines an important spotlight on dairy farmers and the dairy products produced," said Victor.

"After the Farm Show, the butter won't go to waste," said Pelton. "It'll be recycled into renewable energy on a dairy farm."

It makes sense, given the show's theme is Powering Pennsylvania.

"The theme is a testament to the power of agriculture in every region of Pennsylvania," said Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell

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Sarnoski Named Director as Kern Starts Third Term

By Art Charlton

(BELVIDERE, NJ – January 1, 2025) – Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski was named Director for the year and Commissioner Lori Ciesla tapped as Deputy Director as the Warren County Board of County Commissioners held their annual reorganization meeting in the Warren County Courthouse today.

Commissioner James R. Kern III, re-elected last November, was surrounded by family members as Congressman Tom Kean, Jr. administered the oath of office for Kern's third three-year term on the board.

Kern was joined at the front of the historic Courtroom 1 by his wife, Carina Sitkus; his parents, Joan and Jim Kern, Jr.; his sister, Elizabeth McGuinness; and niece and nephews Caylee, Chris, and Charlie McGuinness.

Kern noted that at last year's reorganization meeting, "I had some pretty ambitious goals for Warren County, and we were able to achieve them."

In the past year, the County has made the largest investment in public safety in recent memory, which will help first responders stay safer and do their jobs, Kern noted. He also announced the Commissions' Conservation Challenge a year ago, and in 2024 Warren County became the first county in New Jersey to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

Warren County continues to be a leader in farmland preservation in New Jersey, Kern said, while other achievements include the opening of a new building to house county Social Services and Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Warren County, while construction is underway to



Congressman Tom Kean, Jr. administers the oath of office as Warren County Commissioner James R. Kern III starts his third term on the board. With Kern are his wife, and family

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