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Support Local Organic Farmers with your Online Donation May 6-7 at CentreGives.org A 36-hour online matched giving event hosted by the Centre Foundation

Do you appreciate local organic food? Do you want to continue to see organic farming grow? You can support Pennsylvania's organic farmers by making a donation during Pennsylvania Certified Organic's Centre Gives online fundraising event on May 6 and 7! Your donation supports organic farming through the annual Pennsylvania Organic FarmFest, a free, two-day summer event with food, learning, music, kids' educational activities and lots of fun! <u>FarmFest</u> (farmfest.paorganic.org) was developed in 2012 with a mission to support organic farming with proceeds from the event going directly to support organic education and certification for farmers.

How it works:

Centre Gives is a 36-hour online giving event hosted by the Centre Foundation. Visit <u>centregives.org/#npo/pennsylvania-certified-organic</u> from Wednesday, May 6th at 12am to Thursday, May 7th at 12pm to be a part of the growing organic community in Pennsylvania and make your donation to PCO count for even more!

Donations will be matched with \$100,000 from Centre Foundation and will also make PCO eligible for additional prize money. Visit <u>CentreGives.org</u> from midnight on May 6th through noon on May 7th, and in the meantime, spread the word about Centre Gives and what it can do for organic food, farming and the community. Visit our Facebook page for regular updates at facebook.com/PAorganic and tweet us at @PAorganic using the hashtag #CentreGives.

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Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO) is a non-profit organization that educates and certifies organic growers and handlers in Pennsylvania and the surrounding region. PCO certifies more than 600 farming and food production operations, including produce, field crops, herbs, wild crops, dairy products, poultry products, value- added products, livestock, mushrooms, maple, snack foods, coffee, tea, cosmetics, and more.

PCO is accredited by the USDA and offers certification to the USDA, Canadian and European Union organic programs.

To learn more about PCO or to apply for organic certification, call 814-422-0251 or visit our website at www.paorganic.org.