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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN LANCASTER COUNTY – Governor Shapiro, Secretaries Redding and Hossain to Hold Roundtable Discussion with Agricultural Leaders on Federal Immigration Policy

Marietta, PA – Tomorrow, **Governor Josh Shapiro**, **Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** and **Policy & Planning Secretary Akbar Hossain** to hold a roundtable discussion with agriculture CEOs and stakeholders from across Pennsylvania to discuss the impact of the federal government's immigration policy on the Commonwealth's agriculture industry.

Pennsylvania's food processing, meat, poultry, mushroom, dairy, and agricultural sectors rely heavily on experienced immigrant workers and as a coalition of agricultural leaders wrote this week, recent federal immigration actions have resulted in substantial workforce losses across the Commonwealth. The **Shapiro Administration** has worked closely with Pennsylvania's agricultural communities and developed multilingual "Know Your Rights" resources and regularly engages immigrant advocates, service providers, and local officials to understand the impacts of changing federal immigration policies.

WHO:
Governor Josh Shapiro
Secretary Russell Redding, PA Department of Agriculture
Secretary Akbar Hossain, PA Policy & Planing
Senator Judy Schwank
Chris Herr, President, PennAg Industries Association
Brent Hershey, Owner and President of Hershey Ag
Ashtin Melhorn, President of Paragon Poultry Management Group
Sarah Zost, President of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania

Jeff Brown, CEO of Table Trust Brands

WHEN:
Thursday, November 18, 2026 at 3:00 PM

WHERE:
Hershey Ag
138 Airport Rd,
Marietta, PA 17547

LIVE STREAM:
pacast.com/live/gov
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RSVP:
Press who are interested in attending must RSVP with the names and phones numbers for each member of their team to ra-gvgovpress@pa.gov.