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EDITORS: The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Costello, program and marketing coordinator of the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610 458-5700.

Southeastern PA Agriculture Partnership schedules seminar for cheese makers:

*“It's Time to Come to Your Senses:
A Professional Approach to Tasting, Classifying and Handling
Your Cheeses”*

EXTON _ A day-long seminar for cheese makers is being sponsored by the Southeastern PA Agricultural Partnership.

The instructor will be Daphne Zepos. She is a former board member for the American Cheese Society, and was Chairperson of the ACS Annual Cheese Competition from 1999 to 2002. Daphne is a cofounder of the Cheese of Choice Coalition, an advocacy group formed in 2002, dedicated to the preservation of raw milk and small production cheeses.

In 2006, Zepos founded the Essex Street Cheese Company, which imports three hand selected cheeses from Europe: a French Comté, an Italian Parmigiano Reggiano and a Dutch Aged Gouda. She consults with cheese shops, teaches several classes each month for consumer and professional audiences and acts as judge in cheese competitions in the United States and in Europe.

The seminar will take place on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Chester County Economic Development Council, 737 Constitution Drive, Exton. The cost is \$25 but to receive the discount off the full \$120 price, individuals must provide their social security numbers on the day of the event as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

To register, go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1326372215>.

The morning topics will include How to Taste: Professional Assessment vs. Personal Preference; Classification of Cheese: The cheese families, types and styles; and A Vertical Tasting: Cow, Goat and Sheep Milks and Cheeses.

The afternoon topics will include Reinventing the Classics; The Trials of Shipping; and A Comparative tasting between American artisan cheeses and the European classics that inspired them.

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