

# Stanford Seed Company opens regional distribution center

DENVER - The Stanford Seed Company of Philadelphia officially opened its Lancaster County facilities on Tuesday, with an estimated 80 guests taking part in the ceremonies.

The large, new building, used for seed storage space and offices, is surrounded by experimental plots and demonstration fields where prospective buyers can see for themselves what the seeds will do. Gordon Miller, vice-president of the company, and in charge of the Philadelphia operations, noted that farmers and home owners are welcome to check the plots, which feature a variety of seeds from soybeans to lawn grass. He added, however, that the Denver outlet is for wholesale distribution only and seeds would not be sold directly to customers.

In his opening remarks,



Principles at the recently held opening of the Stanford Seed Warehouse near Denver were (from left) Christopher Mosconi (infant), William Mosconi, Russell Billings, president of Stanford Seed Co.; Mrs.

William Herron (wife of the founder of Stanford Seed); Judy Mosconi (daughter of the Herrons), John Herron and Gordon Miller, vice president of Stanford Seed.

Pennsylvania's commercial vegetables are grown within a 100 mile radius, he concluded his remarks by expressing confidence in the area's family farms. Furthermore, he noted that visitors to this area come to see the countryside, not cities and industrial parks. "We wanted to honor Bill and have him be remembered," stated Russ Billings, president of Stanford Seeds.

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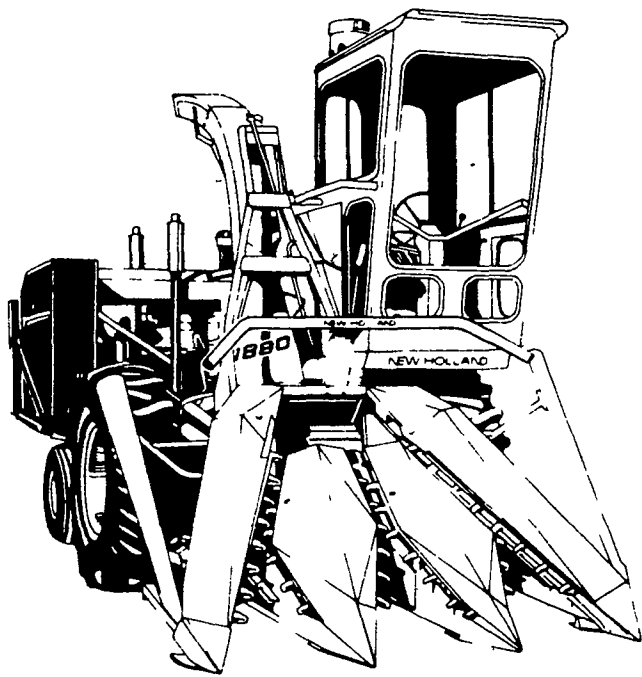
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Don Tuttle, manager of the new Denver plant, said "the warehouse will allow us to expand and improve our service in this area."

Representatives from competing seed firms, as well as members of Department of Agriculture staff were on hand for the dedication ceremonies and several of them made congratulatory statements for the occasion. John Mills, agronomist for Northrup-King Seeds, told the audience that his company last year planted 2,400 varieties, half of them in Pennsylvania. "Not all will be hits," he said, "but when we introduce new corn we will know what it will do under Pennsylvania, Maryland or Delaware conditions." Stanford handles the N-K seeds.

Henry Nixon, from the Department of Agriculture in Harrisburg, praised the late W. R. Herron, founder of the Philadelphia branch of Stanford Seeds, and nationally known for his work in the seed industry.

Noting that 45 percent of the state's forage crops are produced within 100 miles of the new seed warehouse, Lancaster County Agricultural Agent, Max Smith said he wasn't at all surprised that this site was chosen by the company. Adding that 40 percent of

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