Effort By Conservation Farmer



This recently constructed manure holding pit helps John Peter Stees manage nutrients on his dairy farm.

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Idea of erosion

"He came up with the idea of erosion (control) on his own," said Sally. "Nobody coached him. He

stood up and talked about the idea of erosion, because his dad was a farmer and he was concerned about this,"

Stees said that "anything you

read is about how farmers are putting stuff in the Chesapeake Bay.

But you never hear anything about the developer, and the stuff he gets away with."



Stees stands with his wife, Sally, overlooking the pond he constructed on the farm.

But being recognized as Farmer of the Year brings a sense of pride to the Chester Co. dairyman.

'I still feed the real award to me

is knowing that I took a marginal piece of land and made it into something," said Stees. "That makes me feel, hey, I did do something, I made a difference on this property. I'm not seeking the awards. I'm not that type of person. I'm going to do what's best for the property and what's best for the family.

"I think the greatest enjoyment is seeing the improvements that we make every year," he said. "And it's just a feeling of our independence - it's fantastic!"

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tomatoes, peppers, etc. The retail market is located at the intersection of West College Avenue & Whitehall Road. The store was constructed in the early 80s and an addition was made in 1988.

Breezy-Farms is owned and operated by the John H. Kocher family. Currently they are milking 200 registered Holsteins in a new blue diamond double 10 parlor with automatic take-offs. Heifers are raised in a modernized heifer barn which has drawn a lot of interest since its completion. John and Margie grow all their own feed on the 600-acre farm.

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