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Even though this past winter's severe cold weather destroyed the Pennsylvania peach crop this year, not all news about the state's fruit industry is, well, sour, as these Montmorency variety of sour cherry blossoms in Quaker Valley at Sunny Hill Orchards in

Biglerville testify. Here, Scott Slaybaugh accompanies son Lyle, wife Deb, and daughter Whitney to inspect the blooms. This week's summerlike weather has accelerated the bloom on many fruit trees.
 Photo by Andy Andrews

Peach Crop Near Total Loss Statewide

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 BIGLERVILLE (Adams Co.)
 — "Our peach crop this year in Adams County, Franklin, and probably most of York is pretty well shot," said Bill Kleiner, Penn State regional fruit specialist.

For growers in most parts of the state, because of the devastating winter, another disaster must now be added to the downed buildings, frozen water lines, and decimated

livestock. Peach growers now face a total loss of their crop. This crop amounts to about 90 million pounds and about \$20 million, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's

1992-1993 Statistical Summary. For growers in the south central part of the state, including Adams, Bedford, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, and York, losses alone total about 57,630,000 pounds, or

about \$12.85 million. That's more than half of the total production for the state.

"There's practically no peach buds out there right now," said Kleiner. Growers "will not have a

crop at all." Fruit specialists have been monitoring the past winter at the Penn State Fruit Research Laboratory in Biglerville. The site, home
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SRBC Reports Tests On Flow Of Nutrients In Groundwater

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 HALIFAX (Dauphin Co.) — The Susquehanna River Basin Commission this week published what appears to be a seminal study into the control of flow of nitrogen into groundwater, based on more than five years' worth of data from two small areas of study in Dauphin County.

The report was released Tuesday to *Lancaster Farming* during an onsite tour of one of the farms

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Sowing Seeds Of Hope For A New Corn Crop

In what was thought to be "planting a little early to get a head start on 500 acres to do," this spring farming scene came into view along Plainfield Dr. just off Route 45 south of State College on the Willard Campbell family farm, Pennsylvania Furnace. The Campbells have a large dairy and farrow-to-finish hog operation.
 Son John Campbell was enjoying the warm spring weath-

er on the corn planter this week and said their ground had dried out from the winter snows and spring rains a little earlier than some fields. And since they had the manure hauled during the winter, they were able to work the ground and get into planting. Actually, the planter was kicking up a little dust when this photo was taken late Tuesday afternoon.
 Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.