Fruit Growers Introduce Apple Video

BIGLERVILLE (Adams Co.)

— Are you searching for more information about the history of Pennsylvania's apple industry but don't know where to look?

The Adams County Fruit Growers Association has recently released "The All American Apple" video, available from the association, which chronicles the history of apples grown in Adams County and looks at the present and future of apple production.

The story, narrated by local television celebrity Wendell Woodbury, presents the "apple story" in an easy-to-understand format suitable for use in the classroom from grades 4-12 and for general viewing, according to the association.

Written and produced by Bill Kleiner, Penn State fruit extension agent, the video provides a detailed history of the apple industry in the county, which blossomed more than 100 years ago on Noah Sheely's farm between Arendtsville and Cashtown.

In 1878, Sheely first planted apple trees on the farm, known for its famous Round Barn. In order to process the fruit of the fledgling industry, C.H. and Emma Musselman purchased a bankrupt canning business in Biglerville in 1907. The Musselman's endeavor became not only the first successful canning business in Adams County, but also the largest successful apple processing company in the country. (Today, Musselman's is a division of Knouse Foods Cooperative, Inc.)

What was first a flint mill and then a canning factory became Adams Apple Products Corporation when the Mann brothers

bought the Aspers plant. This plant, now known as Mott's USA, has had three owners since 1950: Duffy-Mott Company, Inc.; American Brands, Inc., who purchased Duffy-Mott in 1968; and

Cadbury Schweppes, who acquired the plant in 1982.

Approximately 75 Adams County growers produce fruit on 20,000 acres, annually harvesting more than five million bushels of

apples.

The video, which costs \$19.95
plus \$2.50 shipping and handling,
is available from the Adams County Fruit Growers Association, 33
Musselman Avenue, P.O. Box

515, Biglerville, PA 17307.

Farm Field Day Set

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — On August 18, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Walter Nuding Dairy in Montgomery County will be host of a pasture tour to explain the progress and problems of his 2-year old grazing system.

Milk production for this 20-cow dairy in 1993 averaged 56 pounds per day with an 80,000 somatic cell count. In 1994 the herd is up to 62 pounds per day and still is maintaining less than a 100,000 somatic cell count primarily on grass pasture.

Nuding will explain how he has reduced pasture acreage and herd health problems while increasing cuttings and tonnage of hay. He has also started composting dairy cattle manure and will have a newly started pile, a 2-month-old pile and a finished example to view and discuss.

Nuding's land-locked dairy farm is surrounded by a large mall, 500-unit townhouses and two single family home developments. Walt will give his unique perspective on how living in an urban area can be a positive experience for the whole neighborhood.

The Nuding Field Day is spon-

sored by Regional Infrastructure for Sustaining Agriculture (RISA) project. Managing project partners include Penn State Cooperative Extension, Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA), and Rodale Institute.

The Walter Nuding farm entrance is off Route 202 south of Route 309 intersection in Montgomeryville. For more information, contact Tim Fritz, Montgomery County Cooperative Extension (610) 489-4315.

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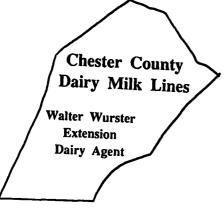
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