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In Good Growing Season, Scholl Orchards Celebrates Golden Anniversary

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BETHLEHEM (Northampton Co.) — Three words sum up the essential ingredients to the multi-generational roadside fruit and vegetable production business that is Scholl Orchards, located here: "Tree-ripened fruit."

Orchard manager and owner George H. Scholl is convinced that allowing fruit to ripen on the tree is key to ensuring customer satisfaction — and repeat business.

This year marks the Golden Anniversary of Scholl's Orchards, located on Rt. 512 north of the city of Bethlehem.

Lancaster Farming recently spoke to Scholl and wife Faith about the chores and challenges of maintaining a 50-year-old orchard and farm market. The orchard stands in an area overgrown not with trees, but houses.

When George's great uncle,

Harry Nonnemaker, began the orchard here in the early 1920s, there was nothing but farms, said Scholl. As the Great Depression arrived, George's great uncle sold parcels of the land, down to about four acres. Harry and wife Mary planted fruit trees, mostly apples, through the 1930s.

In the 1940s, George's father and mother, Reginald and June Scholl, moved to the farm and asked Nonnemaker if they could care for the trees. In 1958 Reginald finally purchased the orchard, totalling four acres.

However, the farm market on Rt. 512 was already in place. In 1948, a small table containing baskets of apples was constructed — the beginning of the retail market. A small building went on the site in the early 1950s. George himself worked on the orchard until he was graduated from Sus-

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From the Department of Dairy and Animal Science

This regular column from Penn State's Department of Dairy and Animal Science features the research findings, student opportunities, and reports on other important topics generated in the Department. Watch for notice when back issues of the column are archived on *Lancaster Farming's* Internet www.lancasterfarming.com home page.

INTRODUCING A NEW ERA

It is a distinct pleasure to introduce myself to readers of *Lancaster Farming* and to share our vision for informing, educating and updating you about current issues in animal agriculture. My name is Terry Etherton, and I assumed the position of head of the Department of Dairy and Animal Science at The Pennsylvania State University on May 1, 1998. Since that time, I have come to

appreciate that the department needs to communicate more regularly with those who care about Pennsylvania agriculture.

Everett Newswanger, *Lancaster Farming's* editor, has graciously allowed the department to submit articles to *Lancaster Farming* on a regular basis. In this issue, I want to share with you a bit about my background and discuss the department's objectives for be-

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EPA, USDA Officials Present AFO Strategy, Listen To Comments

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — One of 11 national meetings concerning the federal government's proposals for nutrient management planning for all of United States' livestock operations was held Nov. 17 at the Sheraton Inn Harrisburg East, in Union Deposit.

Published in the Federal Register earlier this year was a joint proposal of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to follow a strategy to use interpretations of existing authorities and programs to get all livestock farmers to adopt comprehensive nutrient management plans.

The joint proposal is called the

USDA/EPA Unified Joint Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs).

According to federal officials, the strategy is an outline of how the two organizations are to coordinate efforts to work cooperatively with their existing authorities to fulfill goals within the Clinton

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Darvin Boyd, Eby Family Honored At Ag Industry Banquet

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The premier event to show the interdependency of agriculture, industry and commerce in Lancaster County is the annual Agriculture-Industry Banquet of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Lancaster is one of the very few Chambers in the nation that includes an agriculture committee and a manager of agricultural services within the city organization. The 22nd such banquet was held Tuesday night at the Host Resort and Convention Center with 550 people attending.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the county's most prestigious agriculture award to Darvin Boyd, well known agriculturalist and manager of the

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At the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry Agriculture-Industry Banquet are from left, George C. Delp presenting his namesake 1998 honorary award to Darvin Boyd with his wife Linda Boyd and Samuel Hayes, Jr., Pennsylvania agriculture secretary, presenting the 1998 Lan-

Photos by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.



caster County Century Farm award to Melvin and Joyce Eby. Boyd received the award for his significant personal contribution to the agriculture community, and the Eby's farm has been in the family for more than 100 years with the eighth generation of the family now living on the farm.