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# Lancaster Farming

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**NEW RINGGOLD (Schuylkill Co.)** — The sun casts some long shadows nowadays, and the area simply has seen too much sun and not nearly enough rain. On Tuesday, the state Department of Environmental Protection issued a drought warning for Lancaster and other counties, including York, Lebanon, Dauphin, Cumberland, Chester, Perry, and York. Ten other southeast counties, the Lehigh Valley, and the northeast have been placed on a drought watch, bringing to 55 the total number of counties on the state's drought watch list.

Despite all that, work continues, especially with the upcoming holidays.

According to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service, for week ending Nov. 4, soil moisture was rated 31 percent very short, 40 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and only 3 percent surplus. Harvested corn, planted winter wheat, emerged winter wheat, harvested soybeans, fourth cutting of alfalfa, and harvested apples are ahead of the five-year average. Most fruit and vegetable harvests were just about completed for the year.

The photographer captured this view of Pinecrest Tree Farms from Rt. 895 and Rausch's Road in Schuylkill County earlier this week.

Photo by Andy Andrews, editor

## Schwartz, Myers Family Century Farm Honored At Ag Banquet

**DAVE LEFEVER**  
Lancaster Farming Staff  
WILLOW STREET (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce celebrated the rich and ongoing his-

tory of local agriculture during its 25th Ag Industry Banquet here Monday evening.

Ag Services Coordinator Brent Landis announced continued success of the Chamber's

Agriculture Services Program, thanking the 22-member ag committee for its leadership.

"One of the Ag Program's primary goals is to educate the non-farm community on the vital role Lancaster County agriculture plays in our nation," Landis told the 870 people in attendance.

The ag committee received the annual Pennsylvania Farm-City Award in January for "outstanding efforts in educating the

nonfarm community about agriculture," Landis said.

Among Lancaster's Ag Pro-

gram initiatives Landis discussed was a new version of the

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## Lancaster Farming Announces 2002 Ag Directory

**EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.)** — An updated, expanded edition of Lancaster Farming's Ag Directory will be available December 29 for our readers.

Last year, the 160-page directory included names, phone numbers, addresses, and Websites of agriculture businesses, (Turn to Page A43)

### Family Farm Transitional Seminar

Tuesday, November 13, 2001  
Farm and Home Center Lancaster, PA

Lancaster Farming's first Family Farm Transitional Seminar is scheduled this Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster, with preregistration required. Check out this issue's booklet featuring the schedule, the speakers, sponsors, and some words from the editor. Cover photo by Andy Andrews, editor



Debra and Arlin Benner, center, consider employees of Yippee Farms as family. With them are full-time employees Chuck Tadych, Mark Howard, Bryan Allman, Dave Unruh, Steve Diener, Mike Hall, Ron Shirk, Enrique Lopez, Venancia Martinea, and Juan Mendoza. Yippee Farms milks about 595 cows, raises replacements, and farms 700 acres in Mount Joy. Read more about how Debra, former actress, became involved with dairying and dairy promotion on page B2. Photo by Lou Ann Good