



Frederick County Farm Family Of Year To Be Named During GFF
FREDERICK, Md. — The Great Frederick Fair (GFF) will once again kick off with a ceremony to honor the 2002 Frederick County Farm Family of the Year. Presenting the award will be the 2001 recipients, Michael, Cathy, and Josh Strite of Middletown. This year's Farm Family of the Year award will be pres-

ented Friday, Sept. 13, in front of the grandstand in conjunction with the naming of the 2002-2003 Frederick County 4-H Royalty. Admission to this event is free and open to the public and is set to begin at 7 p.m. The contest is sponsored in part by the fair, the Frederick County Agricultural Business Council and local businesses and individuals.
 "The Farm Family of the

Year recipients are role-models and represent the best of Frederick County and Maryland agriculture," said Elizabeth Miller, ag industry specialist for Frederick County. "We are pleased to once again be able to recognize family farms and their importance to our community during The Great Frederick Fair."

The 2002 Farm Family of the Year will represent Frederick County agriculture throughout fairweek and at agricultural events during the coming year. All contestants competing for the award will be showcased in a special display during fairweek.

For a copy of the Farm Family of the Year application, visit the fair's Website at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com, or call (301) 663-5895. The application deadline is Aug. 15.

Rohrer Named Senior Relationship Manager

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — First Union announced that Roger M. Rohrer, a vice president in First Union's Pennsylvania/Delaware agri-finance department, was named a senior relationship manager.



Roger M. Rohrer

As senior relationship manager, Rohrer serves the financial needs of about 300 farm and agribusiness clients located throughout south central Pennsylvania and northern Maryland.

"I am pleased to announce this promotion," said Darvin Boyd, senior vice president and director of agri-finance. "Roger Rohrer's leadership has been vital to First Union's commitment and success with the agricultural industry over the past 16 years."

In 1986, Rohrer joined the agri-finance department of Hamilton Bank (a First Union predecessor bank) as a lending officer. Over the ensuing years, his portfolio of customers grew rapidly, and his accomplishments were recognized through promotions to assistant vice president and to vice president and relationship manager.

Rohrer serves as member and past chairman of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and industry agricultural committee, and volunteers on various com-

mittees and memberships relating to agricultural issues. He recently served as the stewardship commission chairperson for the Neffsville Mennonite Church, and is past treasurer and board member of the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Association.

Born in Lancaster County, Rohrer is a graduate of Pequea Valley High School and attended Penn State University. With his son, Todd, he operates a 125-acre crop and poultry farm in Strasburg Township where he resides with his wife and three children.

In 1994, the Rohrer family was the recipient of the Pennsylvania Century Farm Award.

SCC Approves Nutrient Management Advisory Board Appointments

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — At its recent meeting, the Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission (SCC) approved the reappointment of four members to the Act 6 Nutrient Management Advisory Board (NMAB) and the appointment of one member.

The 15-member NMAB reviews and makes recommendations to the commission on proposed regulations to carry out Pennsylvania's Act 6 Nutrient Management Act (Act 6). Members serve three-year terms. Appointments are staggered so that

every year, a third of the board has completed a term.

Appointed to serve was Robert Jones of AgChoice Farm Credit, ACA, as the agricultural lender representative to the NMAB.

Four who were approved for reappointment include Jerry Ogline of Franklin County as a public representative; Dr. James Ferguson, University of Pennsylvania New Bolton Center, as a veterinary nutrition specialist; A. Carville Foster, York County, as a local government representative; and James Skin-

ner, Union County, to serve as a meat/poultry producer.

The NMAB has been reviewing regulations for possible change, as required by law. Its next scheduled meeting is 9 a.m., Aug.

13, in Room 309 of the state Agriculture Building, Harrisburg.

For more information, contact Douglas Goodlander, director of the SCC Nutrient Management Program, at (717) 705-3895.

Montgomery County Hosts No-Till Demo

ELROY (Montgomery Co.) — Crop and vegetable farmers from the southeast region of Pennsylvania gathered between rain showers Wednesday, June 12th to take a look at various no-till equipment.

The group was able to watch pumpkins being planted into a rye cover crop that was killed and rolled prior to planting.

Also, pumpkins that were direct seeded with a four-row corn planter with no-till attachments 10 days prior to the event were emerging through the thick blanket of rye.

For the crop farmers, a six-row zone-till corn planter was demonstrated that has three coulters per row to till a six-inch band into which the seed is placed. Pumpkin plants were also transplanted with a no-till transplanter at the time of the meeting.

By no-tilling pumpkins into a rye cover a producer can lower production costs, produce cleaner pumpkins, reduce compaction, promote moisture conservation, control erosion, improve soil health, improve harvest conditions, and increase soil organic matter without sacri-

ficing yield, maturity, quality, and size.

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