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**Wenger Announces Stewardship Award Winners**

Rheems, PA (March 27, 2002) –Wenger's Feed Mill, Inc. has announced the winners of its 2002 Environmental Stewardship Award.

The award recognizes contract growers of Wenger's for their commitment to sound environmental practices.

Six farms in Pennsylvania received the award for the year 2002: Jay Bomgardner, Ephrata, PA; Mark Widerman, Gettysburg, PA; The Nel-Ray Farm, Myerstown, PA; David Fahs, York, PA; Dennis Herr, Elizabethtown, PA; and Leon Musser, Manheim, PA.

Qualifications for the award include: an approved and implemented nutrient management plan, a soil conservation plan, a wash-water run-off plan, a copy of any applicable National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, a fly control and monitoring program, and an evaluation of the overall appearance of the farm.

The winners were recognized at several award banquets held by Wenger's. In addition to being recognized, each winner received a half-ounce gold eagle coin and a sign with Wenger's stewardship seal and the year of the award to post at their farm.

The award program was introduced in the April of 2000 and is open to all contract pullet and egg producers of Wenger's. There were five award winners in 2001, four of which, Mark Widerman, The Nel-Ray Farm, David Fahs, and Dennis Herr, also received the award in 2002.

There is no limit on the number of growers who can qualify for the award, and recipients are encouraged to renew the award each year.

“We recognize that we need to accept the responsibility for providing solutions to the problems of nutrient management,” said Wenger's CEO, F. Barry Shaw. “The Stewardship Award Program is part of our commitment to environmental stewardship.”

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