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Wenger's wins environmental achievement, mentoring awards

Rheems, PA (November 14, 2002) -- Efforts by Wenger's Feed Mill, Inc. to protect waterways through development of better poultry and swine feeds earned the company an award for Outstanding Achievement for a Medium-Sized Business from Businesses for the Bay. In addition, Wenger's environmental coordinator, Bill Achor, was named "Mentor of the Year."

Wenger's is being honored for pioneering the use of phytase in its feeds. Adding phytase to poultry and swine feed reduces the amount of phosphorus in manure. Phosphorous is an essential nutrient, but can become a pollutant if excess amounts build up in the soil and groundwater.

"This technology is part of our long-term commitment to the community we serve and our overall corporate commitment to environmental stewardship," said F. Barry Shaw, president and CEO of the firm.

Wenger's has sought to improve nutrient management through its own feed, through customer outreach and education, and through investment in emerging technologies to process manure and minimize water and energy use.

Environmental Coordinator Bill Achor, who was named "Mentor of the Year," is a large part of Wenger's educational and outreach efforts.

Bill Achor serves as a volunteer mentor for nutrient management for Businesses for the Bay and was honored for his enthusiastic support of program. Through his membership in the South Central Pennsylvania P2 Regional Steering Committee, Bill has shared his expertise and has also encouraged other businesses such as Country View Family Farms and Orgo Systems, Inc. to join.

"Business for the Bay" is a voluntary team of forward-looking industries, commercial establishments, local governments and small businesses within the Chesapeake Bay watershed who are committed to implementing pollution prevention initiatives into their daily operations.

The program's goal is to build support for pollution prevention across small, medium, and large businesses throughout the watershed.

Wenger's, a family-owned and -operated company founded in 1944, is a major supplier of feed to poultry and swine facilities in the Mid-Atlantic states. It has mills in Rheems and Mount Joy (Lancaster County), Spring Glen (Dauphin County), Shippensburg (Franklin County), Muncy (Lycoming County), Pennsylvania and Massey (Kent County), Maryland.
