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Soy Processing Plant Opens in Rheems

Open House Announced

Rheems, PA – (February 27, 2006) After nine months of construction, Wenger's Expelled Soybean Processing Plant will begin operating in early April. The plant located at 271 Heisey Quarry Road in Rheems will process 20,000 bushels of soybeans per week and operate on a 7-day schedule.

An open house is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wenger's will provide guided tours of the facility and refreshments.

Expelled soybean meal is a premium feed ingredient created by extruding soybeans and pressing the oil out. The process differs from conventional methods, which use a non-mechanical process to remove the oil. The plant will produce 20,000 gallons of oil per week, and the byproduct could be used in food processing or in biodiesel fuel. "While food grade refining is well established, we see biodiesel production gaining a foothold in the commonwealth. We are keeping our options open to both as markets for our oil," noted Geoff Finch, Vice President of Operations.

For nearly a decade, Wenger's has manufactured a small amount of extruded soybean meal product at the Rheems Mill but did not press the oil out of the product. The expelled soybean meal created at the new facility will replace product that is currently being shipped from the Midwest thereby saving transportation costs. Furthermore, Pennsylvania is a soybean surplus state, and the new plant will offer farmers in the commonwealth a new market for their product.

Wenger's, a family-owned company founded in 1944, is a major supplier of poultry and swine feeds and allied services in the Mid-Atlantic States. Wenger's Pennsylvania-based mills are ISO-certified in Quality (ISO 9001:2000), Environmental Management (ISO 14001), and Health and Safety (OHSAS 18001).
