



# KENT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Fifer Orchards Inc.  
1919 Allabands Mill Road  
Camden - Wyoming, DE 19934

Dear Fifer Family:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the Kent Conservation District, I am pleased to inform you that you have been chosen as our Cooperator of the Year for 2009.

Many aspects of your farming operation made you a clear cut candidate for this award, including, but not limited to: your use of the latest farming technology to be environmentally friendly; development of an integrated pest management and nutrient management plan for your operation; participation in state and federal cost share programs through the Kent Conservation District (KCD) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and installation of a number of conservation related best management practices. A short list of your on-farm conservation accomplishments includes:

- Grass Waterways
- Tile Drainage
- Control Inlet Structures
- Impoundment Ponds
- Planting of cover crops for many years
- Installation of low pressure water conserving center pivots and micro irrigation systems for orchard crops
- Enrollment in NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Additionally, the fact that Mr. Carlton Fifer serves as a Tax Ditch Manager and on the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission was not lost on the Board of Supervisors. Neither was the fact that your farm reaches out to the public by promoting agri-tourism by welcoming school children and the general public to your farm at different times to educate them how apples, peaches, strawberries, pumpkins, and other vegetables are grown.

A plaque has been ordered and will be presented to you in the near future. At that time we would like to take a picture and send a news release to the local papers announcing your award. We will contact you to schedule a convenient time to make the presentation. You have proven your continued interest in conservation and set an example for all to follow.

Congratulations on being selected the 2009 Kent Conservation District Cooperator of the Year and we hope to continue to work with you on conservation projects in the future.

Sincerely,  
KENT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Timothy M. Riley  
District Coordinator