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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN ADAMS COUNTY – Governor Shapiro, Secretary Redding to Announce New Funding to Support Local Fruit Growers Impacted by Devastating Crop Freeze

Menallen Township, PA – Tomorrow, **Governor Josh Shapiro** and **Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** will visit Three Springs Fruit Farm in Adams County to announce that farmers can begin applying for \$10 million in Freeze Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants that will support local growers who experienced significant crop loss following a devastating freeze in April.

In May, **Governor Shapiro** sent a letter calling on the USDA to expedite damage assessment reports and to issue a secretarial disaster declaration. The USDA has since granted 58 Pennsylvania counties disaster designations, which allow growers to seek low-interest loans to restore operations and get faster damage assessments to finalize crop insurance claims.

WHO:

Governor Josh Shapiro

Secretary Russell Redding, PA Department of Agriculture

Ben Wenk, Owner, Three Springs Fruit Farm

Sarah Zost, President, State Horticultural Association of PA

Rep. Dan Moul, PA's 91st House District

Rep. Eddie Pashinski, PA's 121st House District

WHEN:

Thursday, August 20 at 11:00 AM

WHERE:

Three Springs Fruit Farm
1606 Bendersville Wenksville Rd,
Aspers, PA 17304

LIVE STREAM:

pacast.com/live/gov
governor.pa.gov/live/

RSVP:

Press who are interested in attending must RSVP with the names and phones numbers for each member of their team to ra-gvgovpress@pa.gov.