New Jersey News

The New Jersey Guys minus 1 at the 2013 International Fruit Tree Association Tuesday Tour in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. From Left to Right- Greg Reigard (honorary NJ Guy), Clemson University, SC, James Bourgeois, Chester, NJ, Win Cowgill, Rutgers Univ., Dale Davis, Chester, NJ, Jerry Frecon, Rutgers Univ. Photo by Wes Autio.

Alfred Tomarchio Passes at Age 90

Alfred Tomarchio, 90, of Mullica Hill, New Jersey passed away on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 at home. Alfred was a hard working farmer, long-time peach grower, and life-long owner of Sunny Acre Farms. He is survived by his loving wife Josephine (nee Grasso) of 63 years, his five children, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A funeral mass was held at the Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main Street, Mantua, NJ. Entombment was in Eglington Mausoleum, Clarksboro, NJ. Donations in Alfred's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101.

Russell. J. Marino is NJSHS Outstanding Fruit Grower for 2013

The New Jersey State Horticultural Society honored Russell. J. Marino at the New Jersey Agricultural Convention in January in Atlantic City, with the 2013 Outstanding Fruit Grower Award. Jim Gimarese, NJSHS board member, presented the award.

Russ Marino is the owner of Sun Valley Orchards in Swedesboro with brother Harry and sons Joe and Russ Jr. Sun Valley Orchards was founded in 1970. It began as a farm growing and processing vegetables but today is very diversified with operations in NJ totaling over 2000 acres of fresh market peaches, vegetables and grain crops. It is also a packing and marketing firm with integrated storage, packing, trucking and wholesale marketing of these commodities and more. Russell Jr. and Joe are part of the fourth generation of the Marino's involved in farming. The Marino's pride themselves in being intimately involved in every phase of the whole process of growing and marketing their produce. Russell has long been associated with leadership in progressive farming technology and marketing. He is a leader in the planting of new peach varieties, intercropping, ground cover management and low water use irrigation in peaches. Russell has been a leader in the production of yellow-fleshed peaches in New Jersey and has been a long and active participant in the Rutgers Integrated Pest Management Program. Sun Valley Orchards has been a frequent site for Rutgers educational fruit meetings and other tours by various organizations. Their packing, cooling and storage facilities are state of the art, particularly for peppers and peaches. In 2010, their John Boy peaches won the Governor's Cup for the best commercial pack of peaches at the New Jersey Peach Festival. They grow and pack about 15 varieties on 300 acres under the Sun Valley label.

Russ Marino (left) and Jim Giamarese (right) at the New Jersey Agricultural Convention. Photo by Jerry Frecon.

Russell has been a leader in both agriculture and his community. Much of his credit must be shared with his wife Judi, who frequently schedules, participates and accompanies him to many of his functions. Russ and Judi have been married over 40 years. Russ is a long time member of the New Jersey State Horticultural Society,

Russell is a long time director of the Gloucester County Board of Agriculture for which he has served as past President and a member of most committees. For his service he has received their Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award. He is also a member of the New Jersey Farm Bureau and a past member of their Board of Directors. He is also a member of the American Farm Bureau and has served on their National Labor Committee. He is a long time delegate to both the State Agricultural Convention and the New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention.

Russell is a past member of the NJ State Board of Agriculture representing the vegetable industry and has served on many of their committees. He has also received their Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award in 2006.

Russell has been active in many other agricultural organizations. He is Past Chairman and current Director of the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board. He is a former director of the New Jersey Tomato Council and the New Jersey Peach Council of which he is also Vice Chairman. He is currently a Delegate to the NJ State Board of Agricultural at their convention, representing the New Jersey Peach Council.

He is a past director of the Swedesboro Auction for which he served as President from 1978-81. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of both the Farm Credit Association and the Woodstown Agway Store. He is also a long time member of the Landisville and Vineland Produce Auction, New Jersey Agricultural Society, New Jersey Vegetable Growers Association, and the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund.

Russell has been a dedicated leader in his community. He has been mayor of South Harrison Township for many years. He has served on the Township committee for 25 years.

For this service and these many accomplishments we are honored to recognize Russell J. Marino with our 2013 Outstanding Fruit Grower Award.

Sun Valley Given Mullen Award

Sun Valley Orchards and the Marino Family were awarded the Patrick Mullen Jersey Fresh Quality Grading Award on February 6 at the New Jersey State Agricultural Convention in Atlantic City. Mullen was the Director of the NJ Department of Agriculture's Division of Marketing and Development and developed the Jersey Fresh Quality Grading Program, which inspects produce to ensure it is of the highest quality. Each year, Jersey Fresh Quality Grading Program inspectors recognize a farm that works hard to supply top quality produce. Sun Valley Orchards in Swedesboro was founded in the early 1970's and has grown into one of the largest fruit and vegetable growers, packers and shippers in NJ. The 1,200-acre farm is operated by Russell Marino and his sons, Russell Jr. and Joseph and their families.

Left to Right: Al Murray, NJ Asst. Secretary of Agriculture; Jersey Fresh inspector: Mike Martinelli; Larry Hardwick, NJDA Chief of the Bureau of Commodity Inspection and Grading; Jersey Fresh inspectors Joe Montresor and Ralph Maresco; Joseph and Russell Marino receiving the Mullen Award.

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