Going Out on a Limb to Preserve the Northern Adams County Fruit Belt

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What is the Adams County Fruit Belt?
We can begin to define the Adams County Fruit Belt by learning about the area’s developmental history...
PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES IN 1870: VALUE ORCHARD PRODUCTS

The data and terminology presented in the Historical Census Browser are drawn directly from historical volumes of the U.S. Census of Population and Housing.
PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES IN 1910: VALUE OF FRUITS AND NUTS
PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES IN 1950: VALUE OF FRUITS AND NUTS SOLD

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Why is the Adams County Fruit Belt significant?

fruit crate labels: National Apple Museum
photo of orchard workers: National Apple Museum
Why is the PHMC interested in the Adams County Fruit Belt?
Views of apple trees & fruit stands along northern Adams County roads
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From the ‘research’ page, click on ‘Agricultural History Project’
One of the missions of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is to facilitate research into Pennsylvania’s past. Accordingly, we maintain research collections in a variety of formats: cataloged objects and documents, digital images of same, databases of historic and cultural resources, and written histories.

Select from the choices below to begin your research journey with the PHMC:

- Pennsylvania History
- Pennsylvania State Archives
  - Genealogy
  - Land Records
  - Records Holdings
- Digital Documents
Breakdown of Links:

1. Creating the Context – For those who want to know more about this project

2. Pennsylvania’s Agricultural History
   a. The Historical Development of Pennsylvania Agriculture
   b. Architecture and Landscapes (pictures and descriptions of agricultural buildings and features)

3. Data and Resources
   a. 1927 Triennial Pennsylvania Agricultural Census
   b. 1850 Pennsylvania Agricultural Census
   c. Pennsylvania Population Census Data
   d. How to Use the Context (a Powerpoint tutorial)
   e. Links to Forms and Other Web Sites
   f. Links to Other Resources
   g. Maps

4. Other States’ Agricultural Histories

5. Bibliography

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Landscape Features

Click on the picture for a more detailed description and larger image.

Sections

- barn
- house
- landscape
- outbuildings

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What are steps planners can take to preserve regional resources like the Adams County Fruit Belt?

- Learn about the area’s developmental history
- Understand “existing conditions” associated with the history
- Form partnerships
  beyond municipal lines and levels of government and with non-traditional partners
- PLAN for the unexpected! and determine appropriate protection
  zoning, easements, purchase
- Educate the public
Create a historic preservation plan

We can either allow our communities to be shaped by chance - if we do nothing - or choice, if we decide to get involved.  

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Thank you!

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