

APPLE HARVEST HOLIDAY

Good day everyone...it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

Imagine a few hours--a day--a weekend--spent, in which you are surrounded by clusters of crisp red and gold apples, among the vivid autumn-colored woodlands! Feel the surge of celebration in the air as the time approaches for the harvesting of the fruit of a year's labor! Enjoy the walking and driving through vast orchards of South Central Pennsylvania! Delight in the stirring of the apple butter in huge copper buckets! Taste the ambrosia of fresh-pressed cider! Come along this weekend--right now--to the Apple Harvest Festival of Pennsylvania. Here to Pennsylvania come the beauties of all the apple-producing states in the country to vie for the title of Miss Apple Queen, U. S. A. Come and girl-watch, as the autumn reds and golds turn the countryside into a living painting. Down in Adams County, everyone knows the legend and the lore; the high-water mark of the Confederacy, the setting of Lincoln's words at Gettysburg, and Ike's chosen last home. The hill and valley areas are richly colored here in Fall's changing foliage, and 18,000 acres of green orchard are producing over four million bushels of apples now, with the bouquet enlivening the October air. Adams County is the world's largest Apple Processing county, and the 11th greatest apple production center in the United States. Add its cherry and peach orchards and Adams county produces more fruit than any other county in the United States. And what events are planned for the weekend!

There are constant free samples of cider pouring out of antique presses; there are square dances going on; there are antique steam engines for the kiddies to ride; there are antique shows and flea circuses for browsing; there are free guided bus tours through the orchards. If you want to drive, they'll give you the maps to loose yourself within the heart of vast orchards. Come to the South Mountain Fairgrounds--start today and get to the area around Gettysburg--and for the next two days, you'll enjoy a rustic, riotous, ravenous weekend of eating, cider-sippin', dancing, girl-watching fun--with the added special attraction of being in the area that is--right now--the most beautiful looking place in the whole world. It is fall; it is apple harvest time--it is a time to be young and gay in Adams County during the Apple Holiday. It's a great moment to be alive in Pennsylvania--during Apple Harvest Time.

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.