

WSFMA HONORS TILTH PRODUCER MEMBERS

Terry and Dick Carkner of Terry's Berries honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Terry and Dick Carkner were honored with the Washington State Farmers Market Association Lifetime Achievement Award at the market's annual conference in February. Terry's Berries is a diversified organic berry and produce farm located on the edge of Tacoma in the Puyallup valley. Terry and Dick have been farming their 20-acres for over 25 years and have been certified organic for over 20 years. Congratulations to our fellow Tilth Producers, Terry and Dick Carkner!



Kirk Robinson, Assistant Director, WSDA Food Safety and Consumer Services; Terry Wheeler, Pike Place Market Master and WSFMA President; and Terry Carkner, Terry's Berries and Tilth Producers member. Photo by Zachary D. Lyons

- A growing connection between consumers and producers
- Agriculture careers offer a bright spot in the U.S. economy
- Strong consumer and producer interest in locally grown food
- An increasing number of female farm operators

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FARM CREDIT REVEALS FOUR 2012 AGRICULTURAL TRENDS

Farm Credit Press Release

At a time when consumers are craving information about how their food gets from the farm to the table, Farm Credit, a national provider of financing and related services to agriculture and rural America, continues its 95th anniversary celebration by educating consumers about the diversity of agriculture and food production through informative customer stories. The online series, called Producing Excellence, highlights the strength, ingenuity and contributions of America's agricultural producers, including producers' essential role in the economy.

Farm Credit has featured dozens of individuals and families who represent excellence in agriculture and rural America. These profiles also offer a glimpse into four key industry trends for 2012:

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