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**ADVISORY – TOMORROW – Columbia County – Agriculture Secretary to Highlight Investments in Local Farms and Fresh, Affordable Food for Pennsylvania Families**

**Bloomsburg, PA** – Tomorrow, **Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** will tour **OHF Orchards**, a family-owned fruit business in Bloomsburg to see how **Shapiro Administration** investments are helping a veteran-run business grow their bottom line and feed their community.

The **PA Preferred®** fruit business received **\$99,536** in a 2025 Pennsylvania **Fresh Food Financing Initiative (FFFI)** grant, along with more than **\$125,000 in combined support** through other state grants and initiatives, helping them expand cold storage, boost profits, meet local demand for their apples, and manage increasing costs and uncertainty triggered by federal actions.

Sec. Redding will also highlight grant opportunities currently open for applications.

**WHO:**

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding  
PA Veteran Farming Network Executive Director Mimi Thomas-Brooker  
OHF Orchard Co-Owner Joe O'Hara

**WHEN:** 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** OHF Orchards: 73 Orchard Dr, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

**RSVP:** Press interested in attending should RSVP to [aginfo@pa.gov](mailto:aginfo@pa.gov)

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