***President’s Message***

Greetings,

Hopefully as you read this, apple harvest will be over or at least you can see

the light at the end of the tunnel.

Planning is well underway for the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable

Convention. I look forward to another very good convention and hope for

good weather. Pre-registration will be in next issue of this newsletter and be

sure to make your room reservations early.

Construction of the new graduate student housing at Penn State’s Fruit

Research and Extension Center is progressing nicely. Excavation of the

foundation began on October 9th and a few days later the precast concrete

foundation was placed. The four house modules arrived on October 18th and

the house was set on its foundation a day later! The roof was shingled within

a day later. Progress within and without continues at a lively pace, thanks

to Doug Miller Construction. We anticipate that the project will be finished

in time to house graduate students and post-docs well before the start of the

next growing season. (See a picture of the progress on page 4.)

The 2016 Farm Show is also fast approaching. Remember when the call/

email comes asking for help to man the Apple Booth, apple sampling table

and the young growers booth, PLEASE volunteer your time. It is also a good

time for growers to have the opportunity to speak with consumers about the

wonderful quality of Pennsylvania fruit.

I hope this finds everyone healthy and ready for some well deserved down

time.

***Tim Weiser***

***Presiden***