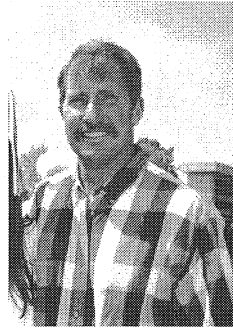


2002 Outstanding Cooperator Award

Tom Wardell was proudly named the Outstanding Cooperator of the Lucas Soil & Water Conservation District for 2002.

Tom Wardell of Waterville Township has demonstrated leadership in the implementation of conservation practices including windbreaks and no-till soybeans and wheat. The Wardells have 135 acres of farmland, 12 acres of vegetables, a greenhouse and farm market. Mr. Wardell served on The Lucas Soil and Water Conservation Board for 9 years and the Toledo Area Flower and Vegetable Growers Association board for six years.

Tom grew up helping his grandparents farm and in 1982 he purchased the farm. He built his first greenhouse in 1987, which was 21' by 24', and began selling produce off a wagon in the front yard. The business has grown to 26,000 square feet of greenhouse space and a 32' by 96' building for the farm market and garden center that he and his wife, Sandy, run. They are the



*Tom Wardell
of Waterville, Ohio*

parents of four girls, Lisa, Kristin, Melissa and Sara.

The Farm market has been active in the community for the past eight years with the "Haunted Hay ride." The proceeds of which are donated to Life Connection of Ohio.

It is with great pride that we present the 2002 Outstanding Cooperator Award to Tom Wardell. Thank you for your continued service to our community.

