

FRUIT NEWS



Following the fifty ninth NFU orchard competition held in July, a prize giving and farm walk was held at River Farm, Staplehurst, Kent.

Horticultural specialists UAP have supported the competition for many years, and were the sponsors of both the UAP and Mike Freed trophies.

UAP presented a commemorative trophy to celebrate the bicentenary of the Bramley apple. This prize was awarded to the farm with the highest average mark for any Bramley orchard, which meant that judges visited all the Bramley orchards belonging to each entrant.

Martin Howells, UAP's horticultural sales manager, presented the trophy to Nigel and Annette Bardsley, who were the hosts for the evening's prize giving event. Mr Bardsley – on the left in the picture with Mr Howells – has been a long standing supporter of this competition, so it was fitting that he won the prize.

With the national fruit show just around the corner, this was a prelude to the Bramley themed celebrations coming up at the show in October.