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Local Resident Honored for Support of Fair *20th Year for Outstanding Fair Supporter Recognition Program*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Jan. 12, 2007) – Carl Birney was recognized Wednesday for his outstanding support to the Guernsey County Fair during ceremonies at the 82nd Ohio Fair Managers Association (OFMA) Annual Convention at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Former Ohio Agriculture Director Fred L. Dailey presented Birney with a plaque honoring his work.

“Carl’s hard work and support are invaluable assets to his county fair,” said Dailey. “I am pleased to recognize him as an outstanding fair supporter for all he has done to improve the Guernsey County Fair.”

Birney serves as director and concessions manager for the Guernsey County Agricultural Society. As concession manager, Birney has increased revenue from \$18,000 to the present level of \$53,000. He was instrumental in beginning an open feeder calf class at the fair that now is one of the largest in the state. Birney is also active with the Junior Fair, serving as chairman of the Junior Market Beef Committee and Junior Beef Breeding Committee for several years. He also owns his own real estate and auction company.

Birney received one of nine OFMA District Awards from Dailey. He represented the Guernsey County Fair in District 8, which also includes the Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Noble, and Tuscarawas county fairs.

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