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Ohio Department of Agriculture Preserves Forty-one Farms Using Clean Ohio Funds

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (August 8, 2011) – After reviewing and scoring landowners’ applications for the tenth funding round of the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (AEPP), the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board has recommended 41 farms for funding to Ohio Agriculture Director Jim Zehringer. A total of \$6.4 million from the Clean Ohio Fund will be used to purchase agricultural easements on these farms to preserve them in perpetuity.

The AEPP is the farmland preservation component of the Clean Ohio initiative to protect rural greenfields and reclaim brownfields. The Clean Ohio Fund was originally approved by Ohio’s voters in 2000, and further supported at the ballot for continuation in 2008. A total of \$25 million from the \$400 million Clean Ohio Fund is dedicated to preserving farmland by purchasing agricultural easements on farms.

This year, the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Office of Farmland Preservation received 190 applications from 35 counties competing for the limited money available through the Clean Ohio Fund. Applicants had the opportunity to earn up to 150 points based on a two-tiered scoring system. Section one of the application focused on development pressure, soils, proximity to other agricultural land, use of best management practices and local comprehensive land-use plans. Section two included narrative questions regarding the farm and its unique appeal to the Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.

The following is a list of landowners selected to receive Clean Ohio funds, pending completion of a legal review, title search and any necessary review of third party interests:

<u>Landowner Name</u>	<u>Farm Acreage</u>	<u>County</u>
Chamberlin	62.52	Ashland
Edwards	78.14	Ashland
Steward	182.56	Ashland
Tobias	269.97	Ashland
Nye	236.48	Ashtabula
Starline	50.03	Athens
Stickney	400.11	Clark
Berry, B.	64.19	Fairfield
Berry, J.	68.27	Fairfield
Elder	87.65	Fairfield
McLaughlin	214.30	Fairfield-Perry
McDonnall	97.63	Fulton
Rupp	236.78	Fulton



Boeck	84.18	Greene
Lang	119.16	Holmes
Dudgeon	179.98	Knox
Lanning	70.34	Knox
Shorey	99.75	Knox
Deering	63.50	Licking
Laymon	62.51	Licking
Dorsey	395.89	Licking-Muskingum
Babitt	211.20	Lorain
Stewart	543.60	Madison
Lill	270.76	Marion
Schwieterman	76.19	Mercer
Crowe	73.54	Montgomery
Karns	72.32	Montgomery
Pugh	72.24	Portage
Roux	132.70	Preble
Voge, F.	73.60	Preble
Voge, R.	80.95	Preble
Daron, A.	154.00	Richland
Daron, R.	98.15	Richland
Knepper	172.31	Sandusky
Lumbrezer-Box	306.54	Sandusky
Mauch	83.70	Sandusky
Adelsperger	69.37	Seneca
Burks	74.14	Seneca
Miller	207.50	Seneca
Byall	196.16	Wayne
Gregoire	195.65	Wayne

An agricultural easement is a voluntary and legally-binding restriction placed on a farm. The easement limits the use of the land to predominantly agricultural activity. The land remains under private ownership and management and stays on the tax rolls under Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV). The farmland can be sold or passed along as a gift to others at any time, but the restriction prohibiting non-agricultural development stays with the land.

For more information about farmland preservation, visit www.agri.ohio.gov.

