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Lt. Governor Taylor Celebrates Ohio Agriculture Day at Cleveland-Area Agribusiness

Nutek Green produces products that support farmers, emerging bioproducts industry

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (March 7, 2011) – Lt. Governor Mary Taylor and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director James Zehringer met today with agriculture representatives and community business leaders at Nutek Green in Glenwillow to celebrate Ohio Agriculture Day.

This year's celebration focused on bioproducts and how the agriculture industry includes diverse products beyond food production. It also highlighted the importance of agribusiness to the state's economy.

Nutek Green is a Cleveland-area agribusiness that uses Ohio soybeans to produce 100 percent biodegradable cleaners, lubricants, and other household products. Nutek Green's products are on the shelves of well-known stores including Home Depot, Ace Hardware, True Value, Kroger, and Northern Tool.

Joining Lt. Governor Taylor and Director Zehringer were representatives from Ohio-based suppliers and distributors that Nutek partners with including: Mercer Landmark Inc., Exal Corporation, Specialty Lubricants Corporation, Royal Chemical, Buckeye Container, and Barnes Distribution.

Continental Airlines Maintenance Director Tom Yuroski was also present to explain how Nutek Green partnered with the Cleveland-based airline to develop environmentally friendly cleaning products used in the maintenance of their air fleet.

Ohio's strong agricultural production, along with a thriving polymer industry, and world-class research institutions, positions the state to become the epicenter of bioproduct production in the country. Several Ohio research laboratories at Battelle Memorial Institute, The Ohio State University and the University of Akron are at the forefront of the development of new biobased materials.

This activity supports the development of 21st century agribusinesses like Nutek Green and also supports the state's 75,000 farms while reducing the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

Ohio Agriculture Day is celebrated each March to help educate Ohioans about the importance of the \$98-billion-dollar food and agriculture industry, on our dinner plates and beyond.

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