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Ohio Agriculture Director Awards Funding During State FFA Convention

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (May 1, 2014) – Ohio Agriculture Director David T. Daniels today presented a check for \$38,000 to the Ohio FFA Association during its state FFA Convention. The funding, provided by the Ohio Rural Rehabilitation fund, will support the 2014 Agricultural and Rural Community Outreach Program (ARCOP).

Jointly administered by the Ohio FFA Foundation, Ohio FFA Association and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), the ARCOP helps local FFA chapters finance worthy community development projects.

“We are proud to support a program that allows students to participate in local development projects, teaching them the value of giving back to their communities while gaining experience as agricultural leaders,” said Daniels. “It’s an experience we hope that keeps youth interested and involved in the agriculture industry as they look towards future careers.”

Last year, 13 local FFA chapters were awarded funding for projects in a variety of areas including agriculture and emergency safety training, agricultural science, animal welfare, and targeting hunger needs of school children and rural populations. Local FFA Chapters receive grant funds ranging from \$750 to \$2,500. FFA Foundation Director Melissa Bell will announce the 2014 grant winners by May 30.

In addition to presenting the check, Daniels also provided copies of the 2014 Growing Ohio magazine to FFA convention participants. The publication, sponsored by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, helps spread the word about agriculture in the state, educates community leaders about the impact of agriculture on the local and state economy, and promotes agriculture to a growing audience concerned about their families’ food source. Copies of the publication can be requested by contacting ODA’s Office of Communication at 614-752-9817 or communications@agri.ohio.gov.

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