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Celebrate Ohio Proud Night at New Clippers Stadium

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (June 10, 2009) – Show your buckeye spirit and celebrate with the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Ohio Proud program at Columbus Clippers Stadium on June 11 at 7 p.m. As the Columbus Clippers battle the Louisville Bats, enjoy several Ohio Proud products, which are grown in Ohio or made in Ohio, available at the ballpark.

Four Ohio Proud companies are permanent fixtures in the Columbus Clippers concession stand. These companies, Bob Evans Farms, Inc.; Velvet Ice Cream Company, Inc.; Sugardale Foods/Superior’s Brands Meats; and Shearer’s Foods, Inc. provide fans product options that are made in Ohio. By supporting these Ohio Proud Companies, baseball fans can reinvest in Ohio’s economy and show their pride not only for the home team, but also for Ohio’s No. 1 industry - food and agriculture.

Ohio Proud Night at the Diamond will feature a limited number of Ohio Proud t-shirts stuffed with coupons from the Ohio companies and shot into the crowd. Also, a representative from an Ohio Proud company will start the game by throwing the first pitch. All are welcome to celebrate some of the best foods that Ohio has to offer.

Ohio Proud is the department’s signature marketing program that promotes food and agricultural products made in Ohio or grown in Ohio. It provides consumers a quick, reliable way to identify local food products from nearly 400 Ohio Proud partners located at wineries and farm market stands, store shelves, and pick-your-own fields. Products range from fresh meats, fruits and vegetables, to dairy products, wine and snack food.

For more information about the Ohio Proud program, visit www.ohioproud.org, or call the Ohio Proud office at 614-466-8798.

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