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## **Ohio Department of Agriculture Hosts Chinese Delegation from Hubei**

*Visit Marks 30 Years of Diplomatic Relationship*

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Oct. 29, 2009) – Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs today joined China’s Deputy Director General of the Hubei Provincial Department of Agriculture Wang Dunsheng in signing a memorandum of agreement that highlights both parties’ pledges to continue a long-standing alliance in promoting and advancing their agriculture industries.

The visit commemorates 30 years of diplomatic effort between Ohio and Hubei officials to increase agriculture-related communication and education.

“It is an honor to host Deputy Director General Wang Dunsheng and his delegation as we celebrate 30 years of agricultural collaboration,” Boggs said. “As technological advances occur in the agricultural field, it is beneficial to have a strong relationship with our partners from Hubei to further advance our respective agriculture industries.”

The memorandum of agreement highlights the many ways agriculture connects Ohio and Hubei through trade opportunities, agricultural genetics and educational outreach.

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**Note to Editor:** A photo capturing the memorandum of agreement signing with Mr. Wang and Mr. Boggs is available at [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov).

