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### **Register Now for Farmland Preservation Summit**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Oct. 9, 2009) – The tenth annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit will take place Nov. 5, 2009, from 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Citizens, farmers, landowners, local officials, land trusts and other interested parties are invited to attend. Registration for the event closes Oct. 22.

“Planting the Seeds of Future Prosperity” is the theme of the 2009 summit, the largest farmland preservation gathering in the state. It will feature panels on a variety of topics, including food policy, climate change and land access barriers. Attendees will receive a welcome address from Ohio State University President Gordon Gee as well as a video message from U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan.

An added feature to this year’s event is an Ohio Proud Farmers’ Market, highlighting products made or grown in Ohio.

Registration forms and a \$40 fee, which includes lunch, are due Oct. 22. Forms are available at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/FarmLand/FarmLand.aspx> or by calling 614-728-6210.

For more information about the 2009 Farmland Preservation Summit, visit [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov).

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***Note to Editor:** Members of the media are invited to attend and will be required to pay for lunch only. Media are asked to call in advance for planning purposes.*

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