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**Thirty-seven Farms Selected for Preservation Through  
Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Nov. 13, 2009) – Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs announce that more than 6,279 acres from 37 farms will be preserved through the department’s Agricultural Easement Purchase Program, using the first of four installments from the renewed Clean Ohio Fund. The Clean Ohio Fund bond initiative won support from Ohio’s voters last November to preserve farmland and green space, improve outdoor recreation and to encourage redevelopment and revitalize communities by cleaning up brownfields.

“Ohioans have proven that preserving our state’s farmland and green space is important by their consistent support of the Clean Ohio Fund,” said Strickland. “The Agricultural Easement Purchase Program helps sustain our important agricultural industry and ensure that Ohioans are able to enjoy and utilize our state’s valuable land for generations to come.”

This year, the Ohio Farmland Preservation Advisory Board reviewed 205 applications from 40 counties competing for the limited money available through the Clean Ohio Fund. Applicants had the opportunity to earn up to 150 points based on a two-tiered scoring system. Section one of the application focused on development pressure, soils, proximity to other agricultural land, use of best management practices and local comprehensive land-use plans. Section two included narrative questions regarding the farm and its unique appeal to the Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.

The following is a list of landowners selected to receive Clean Ohio funds, pending completion of a legal review, title search and any necessary review of third party interests:

<u>Landowner Name</u>	<u>Farm Acreage</u>	<u>County</u>
Ayers	211.68	Ashland
Fulk	128.20	Ashland
Nolt	107.84	Ashland
Smith, Denny	113.56	Ashland
Yeater	67.48	Ashland
Britton	328.28	Ashtabula
Waris	201.62	Ashtabula
Morgan	365.80	Champaign
Trotter	604.59	Clark
Koehler	131.38	Fairfield
Wolfe	207.58	Fairfield



Borton	122.70	Fulton
Dennis	105.96	Fulton
Saul	73.24	Fulton
Tedrow	144.53	Fulton
Glassburn	231.29	Gallia
Lane	79.20	Henry
Smith, Brian	137.48	Huron
Mickley	381.00	Knox
Broadwater	80.05	Lake
Butler	173.44	Licking
Deering	160.50	Licking
Hughes	225.22	Licking
Winner	266.44	Logan
Hunter	147.81	Madison
Crowe	326.95	Montgomery
Groselle	60.00	Portage
Mackenzie	29.40	Portage
Rodenbucher	49.78	Portage
Sampson III	61.67	Portage
Grimme	171.12	Preble
Voge	146.92	Preble
Burks	146.40	Seneca
Carrigan	125.87	Seneca
Dysard	165.21	Seneca
Douce	77.26	Wayne
Mann	160.00	Wayne

“Preserving farmland is crucial to maintaining and supporting the social, economic and environmental benefits the agriculture industry provides to all Ohioans,” said Boggs. “Since its inception in 2002, the Clean Ohio Fund has allowed the department to preserve more than 33,000 acres of valuable farmland through the Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.”

An agricultural easement is a voluntary and legally-binding restriction placed on a farm. The easement limits the use of the land to predominantly agricultural activity. The land remains under private ownership and management and stays on the tax rolls under Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV). The farmland can be sold or passed along as a gift to others at any time, but the restriction prohibiting non-agricultural development stays with the land.

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