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**Statement from Ohio Agriculture Director Regarding the Passage of House Bill 414
Establishing the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (March 24, 2010) – Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs today issued a statement regarding the passage of House Bill 414, which provides the necessary framework to establish the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board.

“I applaud the legislature for its hard work in passing this important piece of legislation that will further strengthen Ohio agriculture, and I am excited to serve Ohioans in my new role as chairman of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. I am confident that creating comprehensive livestock care standards will not only assure better livestock care, but it will also promote safe and affordable food, help prevent the outbreak of both animal and human diseases and will encourage local food production.

“It is my intention as chairman of the board to hold regional hearings on the issue of livestock care standards and allow any Ohioan who wants to speak on the issue to be heard. This will be a transparent and open process as we seek maximum public input.

“While I am confident that this board will accomplish many great things, I am most hopeful that it will serve to strengthen the connection between Ohio’s 75,000 farms and its 11.5 million consumers.”

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