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Schacht Family Farm Market Highlighted During Ohio Sustainable Agriculture Week

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (April 19, 2010) – Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs and First Lady Frances Strickland today toured the Schacht Family Farm Market in Canal Winchester during an event highlighting the second annual Ohio Sustainable Agriculture Week, which takes place April 19 – 25.

Ohio Sustainable Agriculture Week is recognized to increase understanding and awareness of sustainable agriculture practices and their environmental, social and economic impact on the state of Ohio and the nation. Many Ohio farmers are moving toward sustainability by using production technologies to apply fewer fertilizers and pesticides to preserve the integrity of the land and water while producing quality products often at higher yields.

During today's event at the Schacht Family Farm Market, farm owners Lisa and David were commended for their use of sustainable agriculture practices.

“The Schacht Family Farm Market is one operation that is helping to move Ohio toward greater sustainability,” said Boggs. “The Schachts live their life on the farm in a way that promotes outstanding conservation practices. They operate under the philosophy that soil health is the foundation of a solid crop, and that a good foundation of healthy soil can help a plant withstand some adverse conditions without intervention.”

The Schacht Family Farm Market, established by the fourth generation of the Schacht family, has been in operation since 1981 and offers more than 20 varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables. The Schachts farm 60 acres on site, using conservation practices that include crop rotation, irrigation and integrated pest management strategies. The Schacht Family Farm Market also offers other locally grown produce and opportunities to pick-your-own product.

For more information about sustainable agriculture, regional sustainable agriculture events, and the new sustainable agriculture license plate, visit www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/SustainableAg/SustainableAg.aspx.

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