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**OHIO AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR JAMES ZEHRINGER AFFIRMS
HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION TO DENY APPROVAL OF
HI-Q EGG PRODUCTS, LLC PERMITS FOR PROPOSED UNION COUNTY FACILITY**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (June 2, 2011) – Ohio Department of Agriculture Director James Zehringer today formally denied permits to Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC to install and operate an egg laying facility in West Mansfield.

“Following a thorough review of the hearing officer’s report and recommendations regarding the Hi-Q permits, I’ve concluded that the Department of Agriculture has no other viable option but to deny the West Mansfield permits due to an incomplete application,” Zehringer said.

The incomplete portion of the Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC application consisted of a lack of documentation from local officials responding to the company’s permit.

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