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**OHIO FIRST LADY AND OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ACCEPTING  
NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 OHIO AGRICULTURE WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

*Awards program enters second year*

REYNOLDSBURG, OH (May 13, 2013) – Ohio First Lady Karen W. Kasich and Ohio Agriculture Director David T. Daniels today announced they are accepting nominations for the 2013 Ohio Agriculture Women of the Year Awards. The award program is administered through the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Office of the First Lady.

“Last year, I was honored to meet and introduce our first four outstanding women chosen as Ohio Agriculture Women of the Year. Each woman was an amazing testament to strength, personal integrity, and success,” said Mrs. Kasich. “In the second full year of this program, I am looking forward to hearing the stories and celebrating the achievements of more strong women in agriculture.”

Nominations must be submitted by June 21st and will be reviewed by a diverse committee of industry leaders. Winners will be selected on the basis of their outstanding contributions to Ohio agriculture, leadership and advocacy in the agricultural community and significant impact on the agriculture industry as a whole.

Recipients will be recognized by Mrs. Kasich and Director Daniels during an awards reception at the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Gardens. Each awardee will have her name engraved on a plaque for permanent display at the Ohio Department of Agriculture and receive a commendation from the Governor and First Lady. Recipients may also serve as members of the selection committee the following year.

“We don’t often get the chance to honor those who have made measureable impacts on the state’s most important industry – food and agriculture,” said Daniels. “Women have made significant strides in the great success of agriculture in our state, and I’m proud to be a part of this program that provides some of the recognition they deserve.”

Nomination materials are available on the department’s website at  
<http://www.agri.ohio.gov/TopNews/AgricultureWomenOfTheYear/>

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