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**Ohio First Lady, Ohio Department of Agriculture Accepting Nominations
for 2014 Ohio Agriculture Women of the Year Awards**

Awards program enters third year

REYNOLDSBURG, OH (Aug. 19, 2014) – Ohio First Lady Karen W. Kasich and Ohio Agriculture Director David T. Daniels today announced they are accepting nominations for the 2014 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.

“Strong women have helped make the food and agriculture industry what it is today,” said Mrs. Kasich. “I am honored to be part of this program that highlights the achievements of several noteworthy, amazing Ohio women.”

Nominations must be submitted by Sept. 26 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.

“Food and agriculture is the state’s most important industry,” said Daniels. “This is one small way we can say thank you to the women who have dedicated their careers and lives to its success.”

Nomination materials are available on the department’s website at www.agri.ohio.gov.

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