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Farm Suppliers in 28 States Honored With Environmental Respect Awards

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio (April 2, 2012) – Twenty-eight top farm supply retail businesses have been selected as Environmental Respect Award state winners in the United States for 2012. Winners were selected March 28 in Willoughby. The winners are (alphabetized by state):

Crop Production Services Summerdale, Alabama
Helena Chemical Company Bay, Arkansas
Crop Production Services Coolidge, Arizona
Mid Valley Agricultural Services, Inc. Livingston, California
Wilbur-Ellis Company Monte Vista, Colorado
Growmark FS Milford, Delaware
Crop Production Services Americus, Georgia
Crop Production Services Kunia, Hawaii
JR Simplot Company Caldwell, Idaho
Crop Production Services Oakland, Illinois
Crop Production Services Delphi, Indiana
Crop Production Services Union, Iowa
Wilbur-Ellis Company Leona, Kansas
Crop Production Services Pocomoke City, Maryland
Andersons Litchfield Farm Center Litchfield, Michigan
Crop Production Services Harmony, Minnesota
Crop Production Services Leland, Mississippi
Helena Chemical Company Hayti, Missouri
Crop Production Services McCook, Nebraska
Crop Production Services Albemarle, North Carolina
Wilbur-Ellis Company Grand Forks, North Dakota
Crop Production Services Hatch, New Mexico
Crop Production Services Greenville, Ohio
Bluestem Aerial Sprayers, LLC Cushing, Oklahoma
Crop Production Services Holtwood, Pennsylvania
Helena Chemical Company Alamo, Tennessee
Crop Production Services Uvalde, Texas
Wilbur-Ellis Company Pasco, Washington

The Environmental Respect Awards are the agricultural industry's highest recognition for environmental stewardship among U.S. agricultural retailers — those who serve farmers and ranchers with the nutrients, pest control and agronomic information critical to effective crop production.

A panel of industry experts gathers each year to recognize achievement in environmental stewardship, professional excellence and community involvement. The winners above won the award based on evidence of excellence in site design, in-plant storage and handling procedures, emergency preparedness and response, proper application and leadership in safety and stewardship among customers and employees.

Members of the 2012 selection committee were, Dr. Raymond Forney, DuPont Crop Protection Global Stewardship, Wilmington, DE; Jeff Green, DuPont Crop Protection, Wilmington, Del.; Michelle Hummel, Agricultural Retailers Association, Washington, D.C.; Kathy Mathers, The Fertilizer Institute, Washington, D.C.; Mike Wilson, Wabash Valley Farm Service, Browns, IL; Steve Mossbarger, Crop Production Services, Washington Court House, OH; Doug Busdecker, The Andersons, Inc., Maumee, OH; and Paul Schrimpf, *CropLife* magazine, Willoughby, OH.

Each state winner will receive the distinctive Environmental Respect Award personalized crystal sculpture, a statewide press campaign geared toward select print and broadcast media, and a public relations kit.

The winning agribusinesses also compete for regional Environmental Respect Awards. The regional winners will be announced in mid-April and will receive their trophies in Washington, D.C. during a special ceremony at the U.S. Capitol.

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*The [Environmental Respect Award](#) is the premier award in agricultural stewardship among agricultural retailers and distributors around the world. Since its inception in 1990, more than 5,500 businesses in the U.S. have shared their stories of environmental respect, product safety standards, and customer and community outreach, and more than 350 have earned state awards. In the last seven years, the international extension of the Environmental Respect Awards has seen involvement from more than 250 businesses in 25 countries. The effort is sponsored by DuPont Crop Protection and is managed and conducted by *CropLife* magazine and *Farm Chemicals International* magazine.*