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South Dakota Wheat Growers Honored With National Environmental Respect Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 27, 2012) – South Dakota Wheat Growers of Chamberlain, SD was named the National Environmental Respect Award winner for 2012 Thursday, July 26 at a special ceremony on Capitol Hill. Winners were selected March 28 in Willoughby, Ohio.

The Environmental Respect Awards, sponsored by *CropLife*® magazine and DuPont Crop Protection, 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 and services critical to effective crop production. Each year a panel of industry experts gathers to recognize achievement in environmental stewardship, professional excellence, and community involvement.

South Dakota Wheat Growers won the award based on excellence in site design, in-plant storage and handling procedures, proper application and leadership in safety and stewardship among customers and employees. Due to its proximity to the Missouri River the location takes extra care to keep inputs properly stored, protected and applied so they do not enter the watershed.

"Protecting the environment is not just an investment for our company's future," says Jim Banken, location manager. "It is an investment in the future of agriculture as a whole. The agriculture industry needs to take the lead in protecting our environment by showing that we are true caretakers of the land."

The company was awarded the Environmental Respect Award crystal trophy and participated in a stewardship forum, hearing speakers from CropLife America, The Fertilizer Institute, and the Ag Retailers Association. Representatives from South Dakota Wheat Growers will also have the

opportunity to visit an Environmental Respect Award winning business in another country on an ag tour next year.

“DuPont is pleased to congratulate the winners of the 2012 Environmental Respect Awards and applauds their accomplishment in environmental stewardship,” said Rik Miller, president, DuPont Crop Protection. “These leaders are helping to advance environmental safety and the safe use of agricultural products, and we hope they will inspire others who share our passion and desire to elevate environmental stewardship around the world.”

“It’s through the conscientious efforts of these ag business and the crop producers they serve that this nation is assured of a safe and bountiful food supply,” said Paul Schrimpf, group editor of CropLife magazine. “We’re delighted to be able to gain them some recognition for their environmentalism.”

More information on the Environmental Respect Awards can be found at www.environmentalrespect.com.

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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 5,000 businesses in the U.S. have shared their stories of environmental respect, product safety standards, and customer and community outreach, and more than 300 have earned state awards. In the last four years, the international extension of the Environmental Respect Awards has seen involvement from more than 150 businesses in 14 countries. The effort is sponsored by DuPont Crop Protection and is managed and conducted by CropLife magazine and Farm Chemicals International magazine.