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Local Farm Supplier Growmark FS Honored on Capitol Hill

MILFORD, DE -- Aug. 1, 2012 – Growmark FS of Milford was honored as a Regional Environmental Respect Award winner on Thursday, July 26, at a special ceremony on Capitol Hill. Winners were selected March 27 in Willoughby, Ohio.

The Environmental Respect Awards, sponsored by DuPont Crop Protection and *CropLife*® magazine, 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.

“Our mission is to build upon the principles of environmental respect and sustainability where we integrate three main goals: environmental stewardship, farm profitability, and prosperous farming communities,” says Matt Ivory, Delmarva Seed & Chemical manager.

Growmark 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. The company has taken many extra steps to ensure the environmental impact of their business is minimal including: 1) utilizing a safety checklist from the point of receiving products to inventory storage and transfer; 2) loading and unloading lines are labeled with the product they are used for; 3) concrete pad between and outside the rails at the unloading point to facilitate cleanup after rail deliveries.

“Agriculture is a vital economic engine in the Mid-Atlantic and Delmarva region,” says Ivory. “We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.”

The company was awarded the Environmental Respect Award crystal trophy and participated in a stewardship forum, hearing speakers from DuPont, CropLife America, The Fertilizer Institute, and the Ag Retailers Association.

“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 as well as the safe use of agricultural products, and we hope they will inspire others who share our passion and commitment 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 5,500 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 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.