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Local Farm Supplier Crop Production Services Honored on Capitol Hill

OAKLAND, IL -- Aug. 1, 2012 – Crop Production Services of Oakland 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 customers utilize nature and our environment to effectively produce our nation's and, in many cases, the world's food supply," says Sam Knott, marketing manager.

Crop Production Services 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. Some steps include: 1) bulk liquid pesticide transfers occur within a fully contained and sealed building; 2) loading of dry materials occurs within an indoor load out bay; 3) bulk loads, either by rail or truck, are off-loaded over a concrete containment area and are moved through a sealed conveyor which also has concrete underneath it.

"Good, sound fundamental practices that incorporate respect and general health must permeate through all of our procedures from our storage and distribution of products, conditions for workers, and our

preparedness for emergencies within our community,” says Knott. “Our approach to our actions should be directed by the fact that we all have a vested interest in environmental respect.”

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.