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To: OSU County Extension Educators, County Soil and Water Offices, County Farm Bureaus, Certified Crop Advisors, Public Policy Action Team Leaders

CC: Ohio CCA Board, OFBF Board of Trustees, OFBF County Presidents

From: John C. (Jack) Fisher 
Executive Vice-President, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

RE: Excellence in Crop Advising Award for CCAs

County Farm Bureaus, OSU Extension offices and Soil and Water offices will have a great opportunity to recognize Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs) for their outstanding work with agricultural producers. The Excellence in Crop Advising Award is to recognize Certified Crop Advisers who have performed superior service for farmer clients in nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management and crop production. The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and the Ohio CCA Program will recognize one outstanding CCA. **Ohio's winner will receive a plaque, recognition in publications, and a \$500 cash award!** Certificates will be provided to county offices that participate in the Excellence in Crop Advising Awards program to allow them to recognize state nominees from their county.

The purpose of this award is to increase the awareness that farmers and their service people strive to do their best in not only making economically sound cropping decisions but also ones that are environmentally sound. With the increasing farm size, complexity of management options and increasingly complex regulations, we foresee farmers relying more and more on the advice of specialists who are Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs). Ohio has established its own CCA program, and there are now over 540 Certified Crop Advisers across the state.

To nurture this link between CCAs and farmers, we have established a state Excellence in Crop Advising Award. This award will be presented to the CCA state winner at the OSU Farm Science Review in London, Ohio in September 2010.

A nomination form and a description of the program are attached. Please feel free to copy and distribute it to any members who might be using the services of a worthy Certified Crop Adviser. In order to qualify for the award, at least one of the nominators must be a Farm Bureau member.

The deadline for nominations to OFBF is June 25, 2010. Send nominations to ATTN: Regina Mayhugh, OFBF, 280 North High St., PO Box 182383, Columbus, OH 43218-2383. Questions should be directed to Regina at 614-246-8285.