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## **Ohio AgriBusiness Association Announces 2024 Industry Excellence Awards Recipient**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Jan. 16, 2024) – The Ohio AgriBusiness Association is pleased to announce Paige Scott of Legacy Farmers Cooperative as the recipient of the 2024 Industry Excellence Award for Achievement as an Emerging Leader.

She will be recognized at the 2024 OABA Industry Conference on Jan. 31 and will receive a plaque and \$1,000 cash award, sponsored by Assured Partners – J.H. Ward Agency.

OABA has a distinguished history of serving the agricultural industry and its members through advocacy, policy leadership and educational programs. The Industry Excellence Awards honor excellence, professionalism and achievement among OABA member companies and their employees, and thereby encourage that same excellence in others.

“Recognizing exceptional agribusiness individuals is crucial,” said Janice Welsheimer, OABA interim CEO. “The awards not only highlight individual excellence but also showcase a collective dedication to advancing our industry. Paige stands as a true leader and innovator in agribusiness, shaping the future through her exemplary work.”

The Achievement as an Emerging Leader Award is presented to an individual who represents the spirit of leadership as a growing agribusiness professional. Leadership is often difficult to define in everyday business activities, but it remains an important ability to cultivate.

Scott, of Findlay, Ohio, serves as the precision services manager for Legacy Farmers Cooperative, overseeing soil sampling, variable rate business, aerial application services, 4R stewardship, and H2Ohio implementation. Additionally, she contributes to scouting, tissue testing, carbon market discussions, and introduces new technologies in progressive agriculture. Paige is a genuine leader and innovator in precision agriculture and agribusiness, molding a positive future for the industry through her outstanding contributions.

“Paige’s leadership is second to none,” said Mark Sunderman, President and CEO of Legacy Farmers Cooperative. “She works tirelessly to make sure that she leads by example and does whatever is necessary to get things done for all stakeholders involved. She is always working to help others improve their skills as well as focused on continuing to learn to improve her own skills and leadership. Paige is an exceptional leader for our company and the industry.”

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## **2024 OABA Industry Conference**

The three-day Industry Conference event, Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at the Columbus Renaissance Westerville, is packed with widely respected speakers and industry professionals, sharing their expertise on a variety of topics relating to agronomy, grain and feed, safety and more. More details are available at [www.oaba.net/events\\_conference](http://www.oaba.net/events_conference).

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## **About OABA**

The Ohio AgriBusiness Association is the leading advocate for Ohio agribusiness by creating a sustainable business climate through collaborative policy leadership, continuous education and effective communication. OABA is a membership-based state trade association which includes the manufacturers and wholesale/retail suppliers of plant nutrient and protection materials, the grain warehousing and marketing industry, the feed and seed industry, as well as companies providing equipment, financing, insurance, consulting, and other products and services for the agribusiness industry. OABA is also the administrator of the Ohio Certified Crop Adviser Program, 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification Program and Ohio Agricultural Council. For more information, visit [oaba.net](http://oaba.net).