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OABA to Recognize Agribusiness Employees for Professionalism, Stewardship, Excellence

COLUMBUS, Ohio (July 8, 2024) – The Ohio AgriBusiness Association (OABA) is set to honor outstanding leaders in the agribusiness industry through its OABA Industry Excellence Awards.

With a long-standing commitment to recognizing and supporting the achievements of its members and their employees, OABA's Industry Excellence Awards highlight the stories of professionalism, stewardship and excellence within the agribusiness sector.

"The agribusiness sector thrives because of the exceptional individuals dedicated to excellence in customer service, safety, and stewardship," said Melinda Witten, president and CEO of OABA. "By recognizing and celebrating these outstanding leaders, we inspire higher standards and greater achievements across the entire industry."

OABA member company employees can now be nominated for three distinct award categories: Achievement as an Emerging Leader, Excellence in Customer Service and Excellence in Safety & Stewardship. Nominations, which must be submitted by August 9, 2024, are open to any industry professional, provided the nominee is employed by an OABA member company.

Award recipients will be celebrated at the 2025 OABA Industry Conference on January 29. Awardees will receive complimentary registration and lodging for the conference, recognition in industry publications and a \$1,000 cash award, generously sponsored by Assured Partners – ABIS/J.H. Ward.

To nominate an employee, visit <u>oaba.net/awards</u> and download the application forms. Completed applications must be submitted by August 9 to the Ohio AgriBusiness Association, and may be mailed or emailed to 5151 Reed Road, Suite 126-C, Columbus, Ohio 43220 or lprettyman@oaba.net. For additional information, please contact Lauren Prettyman at 614-326-7520 or lprettyman@oaba.net.

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About OABA

The Ohio AgriBusiness Association is the leading advocate for Ohio agribusiness by creating both a sustainable business climate and added member value 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.