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8th ANNUAL OHIO FARMLAND PRESERVATION SUMMIT SET FOR NOVEMBER

On November 1st, 2007, the Ohio Department of Agriculture will host the eighth annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit in Reynoldsburg.

The theme of this year's summit is *Growing Our Economy through Agriculture*, and plenary topics will focus on growing your local economy through food and agriculture, and planning for agriculture. First Lady Frances Strickland will be the lunch time keynote. This year conference planners are building in more time for networking and interacting with other participants and speakers. Lunch and snacks for the conference will be provided by Northstar Café which purchases more than 25% locally grown ingredients and more than 50% organic ingredients.

Interested farmers, landowners, local officials, land trusts, citizens, and agency personnel are encouraged to participate in networking and strategy discussions about how to preserve Ohio farmland.

WHAT: 8th Annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit

WHERE: Ohio Department of Agriculture
8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg

DATE: November 1, 2007

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(8:30-9:30 a.m. registration and breakfast)

For additional information about the conference and how to register, go to <http://cffpi.osu.edu/summit> or contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Office of Farmland Preservation: 614-728-6210 or farmlandpres@agri.ohio.gov. It is expected that registration materials will be made available in mid-September.

Planning committee organizations: American Farmland Trust Ohio Field Office; Center for Farmland Policy Innovation, Ohio State University; The Farmland Center; Office of Farmland Preservation, Ohio Department of Agriculture; Otterbein College; and Tecumseh Land Trust.