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Perdue Foundation Donates \$5,000 to FFA's State Officer Program in PA

SALISBURY, Md. — The Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Perdue Farms, has donated \$5,000 to support the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America (FFA) Association's State Officer Program.

Each year, seven high school graduates are elected by their peers to serve the organization as state officers. These state officers defer college and careers to promote agriculture education, agriculture and the FFA. For an entire year, they travel the state visiting schools, businesses and industries and meeting with local and state elected officials to help them understand better all aspects of Pennsylvania's rich and diverse agriculture industry.

"As a third-generation family farm operation that recently celebrated its 90th anniversary, all of us at Perdue are honored to support the FFA and its work to keep young people engaged in farming and ensure our agriculture sector remains vibrant and strong," said Sharon Clark, Senior Vice President Transportation and Regulatory Affairs for Perdue AgriBusiness LLC.

Clark and Dick Cole, Grain Marketing Manager for Perdue AgriBusiness in Pennsylvania, awarded the \$5,000 grant to the association's state officers on June 13 during the final day of the 84th edition of the Pennsylvania FFA Convention at Penn State University.

"Our four grain receiving and storage facilities in Pennsylvania purchase \$148 million in local grain and other products from more than 2,000 farmers and local businesses," Cole said. "Giving back to the FFA --- and ensuring the future of farming --- is just one more way that Perdue invests in Pennsylvania agriculture."

The \$5,000 grant will be used to help offset the costs associated with the state officers' travel and supplies throughout the year.

The Pennsylvania FFA Association is an intra-curricular part of agriculture education in the public and private high school system. The association has more than 16,000 students enrolled in agriculture education.

The Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Perdue Farms, was established in 1957 by company founder Arthur W. Perdue and is funded through the estates of Arthur W. Perdue and Frank Perdue. As part of our commitment to supporting the communities in which we do business, the Foundation provides grants on behalf of Perdue Farms to non-profit health, human and community services organizations; hunger relief; educational efforts; and environmental programs in communities where large numbers of our associates live and work.

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