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**Farmers in Arkansas Can Support Their Community by Entering
To Win \$2500 Award from Monsanto**

*Awards will be made in 23 eligible counties as part of the new
America's Farmers Grow Communities Project*

ST. LOUIS (Jan. 5, 2010) – Farmers in key agricultural counties in Arkansas can kick off the New Year by applying to win \$2500 to help a favorite local non-profit organization. The America's Farmers Grow Communities™ Project is a new pilot program from Monsanto offered in selected counties (with over 50,000 acres planted in corn, soybeans and/or cotton) in Iowa and parts of Arkansas and Missouri. The program is part of a broad commitment by Monsanto to highlight and support the important contributions farmers make every day to their community and to our society.

There are 23 Arkansas counties included in the pilot program; Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Drew, Greene, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Lonoke, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Pointsett, Prairie, Saint Francis and Woodruff.

"Farmers in Arkansas and across America work hard to feed, fuel and clothe our country and the world," said John Raines, Vice President of Customer Advocacy for Monsanto. "As a company whose only business is agriculture, we want to work together with farmers to help them grow their local communities through the America's Farmers Grow Communities Project."

There is no purchase necessary to enter the contest. Farmers who produce over 250 acres of corn, cotton and/or soybeans in one of the eligible counties can register online and view the official rules at the website www.growcommunities.com or by calling 1-877-267-3332 for information on registering by mail. The deadline for entries is February 28, 2010. One winner will be randomly drawn for each eligible county from all

eligible entrants received for each county. Monsanto will announce the winning farmers and the award recipient organizations in March 2010.

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