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Kentucky Farmer Wins Regional Conservation Award

March 25, 2010…St. Louis, Missouri… The American Soybean Association (ASA) is pleased to announce that Malcolm Oatts of Four Mile Farm in Hopkinsville, Kentucky has won the 2010 South Region Conservation Legacy Award. Oatts and his wife Rose accepted the award on March 5 at the ASA Awards Banquet at Commodity Classic in Anaheim, CA.

The Conservation Legacy Awards Program is a national program designed to recognize outstanding environmental and conservation achievements by U.S. soybean farmers. Selection is based on each farmer’s environmental and economic efforts on their farm. Judges look for dedication to the land through cropland management practices, farmstead protection, and conservation and environmental management.

Oatts has been farming for 60 years and has been dedicated to conservation since the early 1960s. He grows corn, wheat and soybeans on 190 acres. One hundred acres are no-till and he has waterways, filter strips and diversion, and strip crops. Oatts works diligently to promote soil conservation and protect water quality.

Now in his late 70s, Oatts said he continues to farm because it is what he wants to do – what he enjoys doing. Oatts said he is committed to leaving the land better than he found it.

Along with the American Soybean Association, the Conservation Legacy Awards Program is co-sponsored by Monsanto and the Corn & Soybean Digest.

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Caption: Conservation Legacy Awards were presented at the American Soybean Association (ASA) Awards Banquet in Anaheim, CA on March 5, 2010. (Left to Right) Rob Joslin, ASA President; Rose and Malcolm Oatts, South Region Conservation Legacy Award winner; Kim Magin-Sutter, Monsanto; and Greg Lamp, Corn & Soybean Digest.