

2010 River Friendly Farmer Program

Since 1999, key conservation and agricultural organizations have sponsored the River Friendly Farmer (RFF) Program. The statewide initiative recognizes farmers, who through good production management practices helps keep Indiana's rivers, lakes and streams clean.

Dearborn County Soil & Water Conservation District nominated Gary & Sherman Hughes of Sycamore Farm near Farmers Retreat; and Phil & Bev Weaver of Plum Point Farm near Aurora, to represent Dearborn County as this year's River Friendly Farmer recipients.



Pictured left to right: Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Gary Hughes, and Don Villwock, Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.



Left: 2010 River Friendly Farmer recipients stand on stage in the 4-H Exhibit Hall Auditorium after receiving their awards. Indiana Conservation Partnership leaders congratulated them. They are: (front row from the left) Jerod Chew, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation; Paula Baldwin, Indiana Assn. of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD); Joe Kelsay, Indiana State Department of Agriculture; Lt. Governor Becky Skillman; Don Villwock,

Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.; Jane Hardisty, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Nola Gentry, State Soil Conservation Board; Julia Wickard, USDA Farm Service Agency; Jim Mintert and Chuck Hibberd, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service; Jennifer Boyle Warner, IASWCD; and Bob Eddleman, State Soil Conservation Board.