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**Posey County livestock farmer recognized by ISDA
for excellence in progressive farm practices**

INDIANAPOLIS - Ted McKinney, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), recognized Chris & Chris Reeves, Posey County livestock producers and owner-operators of Reeves Pork Farm Inc.—Reeves Feed & Grain LLC, who recently completed the voluntary ISDA Certified Livestock Producer Program.

“We thank the Reeves for their commitment to completing their certification and congratulate them on their achievement,” said ISDA Director Ted McKinney. “We believe this program will continue to serve as an invaluable tool to increase awareness of Indiana livestock producers’ commitment to provide high-quality and wholesome food.”

The Reeves purchased a 500 sow farrow to finish operation in 1984 in Griffin, Ind., and expanded to a 1,500 sow farrow to finish operation in 1998. In 2005, they sold the sow operation and currently purchase and finish 40,000 early wean pigs per year. The Reeves also own and operate a feed mill using ADM Alliance Nutrition feeds in Griffin and farm 425 acres of corn and soybeans. Their son, Mark, and daughter, Cathy, are also involved in the farm.

To be recognized by ISDA as a Certified Livestock Producer, participants must complete the highest industry standards in environmental protection, animal health, bio-security, emergency planning and good neighbor relations. They also agree to sign the Producer Promise, committing to meet or exceed the high standards of the Certified Livestock Producer Program as a commitment to the citizens of the State of Indiana.

“The Certified Livestock Program is an excellent tool to ensure we are meeting and exceeding the industry standards of caring for our animals,” Chris Reeves said.

ISDA launched the Certified Livestock Producer Program in July 2008. Since that time, 104 Hoosier farmers have earned the certification. Producers and others interested in learning more about the Certified Livestock Producer Program should contact ISDA Livestock Program Manager Kimmi Devaney at 317.450.3570 or KDevaney@isda.in.gov.

ABOUT ISDA

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor’s Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state

and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

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