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Agricultural advocate honoured **“Farm & Food Care Champion” award presented to Carolynne Griffith**

April 13, 2017 – (Guelph) Carolynne Griffith of Alvinston has been named the 2017 recipient of the Farm & Food Care Ontario Champion Award.

The award was presented at Farm & Food Care’s annual meeting in Burlington on April 13 by Bruce Christie, a Farm & Food Care board member. Griffith was nominated for the award by Egg Farmers of Ontario, with letters of support from the Lambton Federation of Agriculture as well as Ian McKillop, chair of Farm & Food Care Canada and owner of Argyle Farms.

Griffith is an egg and crop farmer from Lambton County and a past chair of Egg Farmers of Ontario. Throughout her career as an egg farmer, she has answered thousands of consumer questions about eggs and egg farming at various events such as the Canadian National Exhibition, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Western Fair, local events and schools. She was also instrumental in helping to establish the *Who made Your Eggs Today?* Campaign.

As a past chair of FarmGate 5, Carolynne represented farmers on a global level in numerous trade negotiations around the world including meetings in Geneva, Hong Kong and Brussels. She is a director on the Farm & Food Care Canada board of directors and is active in many local farm and community organizations.



Bruce Christie, Farm & Food Care Ontario board member, with Carolynne Griffith

Harry Pelissero, General Manager of Egg Farmers of Ontario, applauds Griffith for her strong agricultural advocacy through all positions. “Carolynne dedicates herself to all undertakings, and she shows her genuine passion and pride for farming with grace and quiet elegance. She consistently commits her time, knowledge and experiences to engaging industry members, students and Canadians in general.”

Lambton Federation of Agriculture spokesperson Al Langford says Griffith has been instrumental in the agriculture sector, having supported many local and provincial farm organizations in a wide variety of ways – from organizing events and serving as a board member and past Chair of Egg Farmers of Ontario, to actively engaging the Canadian public.

“Lambton County Federation whole heartedly supports Carolynne for the Champion Award and is thankful for the energy she has brought to agriculture in Lambton County,” says Langford.

Ian McKillop says he has “seen first-hand the dedication & professionalism that Carolynne exhibited, for many years, in her role as Chair of Egg Farmers of Ontario. Carolynne was an excellent ambassador for egg farmers, promoting eggs at events in her local community and around the world.”

The Champion Award has been presented annually, since 1999, to worthy agricultural advocates.

Farm & Food Care Ontario is a coalition of farmers, agriculture and food partners proactively working together to ensure public trust and confidence in food and farming. For more information visit www.FarmFoodCareON.org.

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