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ResponsibleAg Names First Credentialed Auditors

Owensboro, Ky. – ResponsibleAg today announced the credentialing of its first class of retail facility auditors. These individuals will serve on a growing team of professionals trained to provide businesses participating in ResponsibleAg with thorough federal regulatory compliance audits related to the safe storage and handling of fertilizers. The inaugural crop of auditors is comprised of individuals from 12 states, and includes representatives of publicly traded and privately owned retail businesses as well as farmer-owned cooperatives, non-profit entities and private environmental, health and safety consultants. The first ResponsibleAg audits will take place in 2015.

Achieving credentialed auditor status requires completion of a rigorous 4 day ResponsibleAg auditor training course and recognition by ResponsibleAg. The training course is comprised of classroom lectures and tests, computer lab assignments, role-play scenarios, problem-solving sessions and hands-on exercises. Pre-requisites for participation in the course include a minimum of 5 years' experience working in the agricultural inputs industry; a minimum of 5 years' experience working with environmental, health, safety, security or loss control issues, and a working knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulatory requirements for fertilizer retailers. Possessing a combined 507 years of environmental health and safety work experience, this first group of credentialed ResponsibleAg auditors greatly exceeds these minimum requirements.

The new ResponsibleAg credentialed auditors are:

- Andy Easley - Germantown, Tenn.
- Roger Waller Agri-AFC, LLC - Brewton, Ala.
- Marie Cook Alabama Farmers Coop - Decatur, Ala.
- Allen Summers Asmark Institute - Owensboro, Ky.
- Dustin Warder Asmark Institute - Owensboro, Ky.
- Ewa Oller Asmark Institute - Owensboro, Ky.
- Randy Lawrence Asmark Institute - Owensboro, Ky.
- Pete Mutschler CHS Inc. - Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

- Dennis Doonan Crop Production Services - Aledo, Ill.
- Dave Jenkins Crop Production Services - Bennington, Neb.
- Greg Groves Crop Production Services - Loveland, Colo.
- Sam Murphy Crop Production Services - Owensboro, Ky.
- Kevin Frye Growmark - Bloomington, Ill.
- Paul Derig JR Simplot Company - Boise, Idaho
- David Klahr KFSa - Hutchinson, Kan.
- Scott Morris KFSa - Hutchinson, Kan.
- Alan Mahoney MFA, Inc. - Columbia, Mo.
- Jane Boerboom Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Saint Paul, Minn.
- Greg Turner SafEnvirons, Inc. - Americus, Ga.
- Dan Ray Safety Consulting Services LLC - Springfield, Ill.
- Randy Crowell Tennessee Farmers Coop - La Vergne, Tenn.
- Clark Capwell The McGregor Company - Colfax, Wash.
- Jim Lemon The McGregor Company - Colfax, Wash.

Auditor training is taking place at the Ford B. West Center for Responsible Agriculture, a specially constructed facility located in Owensboro, Ky. The next training sessions are scheduled for November 18-21 and December 2-5, with an additional 9 sessions scheduled for 2015. More information on the course is available on the [ResponsibleAg website](#).

“Consistent and credible audits administered by top notch professionals are the cornerstone of ResponsibleAg,” said ResponsibleAg Chairman Billy Pirkle. “We encourage qualified individuals to enhance their professional knowledge and support the industry by becoming credentialed as ResponsibleAg auditors.”

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About ResponsibleAg Inc.

ResponsibleAg is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 2014, to promote the safe storage and handling of fertilizers. Utilizing on-site assessments, ResponsibleAg will educate fertilizer storage and handling facilities to achieve and maintain compliance with federal environmental, health, safety and security laws and regulations. For more information, go to www.responsibleag.org.