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Women in Ag Honors Shick

**Hardin County** – Molly Shick was honored at this year’s Farm Science Review as Hardin County’s 100 Faces of Ohio Women in Agriculture recipient. She was nominated by the OSU Extension based on her involvement in agriculture and ability to serve as a role model for other women involved in the agricultural industry. Shick indicated in her bio that she is proud to help her father on their family farm in Hardin County. Being involved in 4-H and FFA allowed her to start her agriculture career at an early age. When she was just 16 years old, she cash rented ground that she later purchased.

Shick earned a bachelor’s degree in Ag Business from The Ohio State University. After graduation, she started a consulting business where she worked with area farmers and Extension offices in the Indian Lake Watershed doing intensive pest management. She has also worked with Honda scouting specialty soybeans that were being exported to Japan for tofu, did soil sampling using precision technology, and worked with local colleges offering job shadowing and internships to agriculture students.

Shick is involved with a local college helping their administration build a curriculum for future precision ag technology classes. In 2011, she moved into the crop insurance industry working as a claims adjuster for John Deere Financial, which has been a very rewarding career for her. Shick states, “I am fortunate to be able to instill values that I learned from growing up on a farm into my 13 year old twins. It is very rewarding to watch them learn firsthand the morals, values, and hard work ethics that agriculture instills. I don’t know where their paths may lead, but agriculture has given them a firm foundation to build their lives upon.”

When asked what is her favorite motivational quotation, Shick gave two quotes: “Grow where you are planted” and “She believed she could, so she did.” She says she really likes these quotes because they define her career in agriculture perfectly. Although her intention was originally to earn a bachelor’s degree in business, it was her high school FFA advisors and guidance counselor at The
Ohio State University that encouraged her to focus on an Ag Business degree. She said that she is very thankful that she took their advice.

When asked what advice she has for the next generation of young women in agriculture, Shick responded, “The world of agriculture has been a great industry to be involved in. Agriculture has provided me with a very rewarding and satisfying career with endless opportunities. I would encourage all young men and women with an interest in agriculture to become involved in their agriculture community on some level, whether it is with local 4-H clubs, Farm Bureau, FFA chapters, local schools or farming operations. Agriculture offers many job opportunities and is a great industry to build a career in. My career in agriculture has challenged me to do and learn new things every day. My brother’s favorite quote is one that I’ve tried to follow. “Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead where there is no path and leave a trail.” I encourage each and every one to do just that.”

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