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**Hudson Benefit Dinner to be Held Saturday, January 21st
Showell Fire House, Showell Maryland**

*Proceeds from Dinner to Help Family Farmers with Mounting Legal Bills Due to Misguided
Waterkeeper Alliance Lawsuit*

Willards, Md. (January 19, 2012) A chicken-and-dumpling dinner to benefit Worcester County, Maryland chicken growers Alan and Kristin Hudson will be held at 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, January 21 at the Showell Fire House in Showell, Maryland.

The Hudsons, who run a family farm in Berlin, are facing mounting legal bills that have resulted from a misguided Clean Water Act lawsuit that has been filed against them by the New York-based Waterkeeper Alliance.

The donation is \$25 per ticket, which includes homemade chicken and dumplings, a vegetable, roll, dessert and tea or coffee. Carry-outs are available.

The dinner is being sponsored by the Wicomico Young Farmers and Ranchers in partnership with the Maryland Family Farmers Legal Defense Fund, Inc., which was created to help the Hudsons pay their bills, avoid bankruptcy, and to call attention to the threat that radical groups like the Waterkeeper Alliance pose to every family farm in America. The agricultural sector is Maryland's largest industry and is responsible for 14 percent of the state's workforce.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward helping the Hudsons, who have two children, with their legal bills, which threaten to put the fourth generation farmers out of business

Tickets to the dinner may be purchased at the door or by contacting the Wicomico County Farm Bureau via email at wicfb@hotmail.com or call 410-430-2016.

For more information about the Maryland Family Farmers Legal Defense Fund, Inc., visit www.savefarmfamilies.org.

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