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**Fundraising Barbeque to be Held Saturday, February 18th
Queen Anne's County 4-H Park, Centreville, Maryland**

All Proceeds from Barbeque to Benefit Hudson Family

Willards, Md. (February 7, 2012) A barbeque to raise funds for Worcester County, Md., farmers Alan and Kristin Hudson will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, February 18, at the Queen Anne's County 4-H Park in Centreville, Md.

The Hudson family, who farm near Berlin, are being sued by the New York-based Waterkeeper Alliance. They operate a poultry and beef farm in Worcester County. Funds raised at the barbeque will go to the Maryland Family Farmers Legal Defense Fund, Inc., to help the Hudsons pay their continuing and mounting legal expenses and avoid bankruptcy.

The donation for tickets purchased prior to February 18th is \$25 per ticket for adults, \$15 for children 12 and under, which includes Upper Shore local food and products, a live auction, a silent auction and a raffle for prizes. A cash bar featuring beer and local wines will be available.

The barbeque is being sponsored by the Caroline County Farm Bureau, Cecil County Farm Bureau, Kent County Farm Bureau, Queen Anne's County Farm Bureau and the Talbot County Farm Bureau in partnership with SaveFarmFamilies.org which was created to call attention to the threat that the lawsuit and radical groups like the Waterkeeper Alliance pose to every family farm in America.

“The Farm Bureaus from Queen Anne's, Kent, Caroline, Talbot and Cecil Counties have come together to help the Hudson Family get through an assault from an extremist environmental organization,” said Queen Anne's farmer Bill Sylvester. “Farmers from this region, state, and even across the country recognize that the Waterkeepers are the single largest threat to agriculture today. Their agenda is based on litigation with the goal being money, power and control.”

According to Sylvester, not only is the farming community coming together to fight these wealthy out-of-state environmental activists, but the business community has recognized the value of families like the Hudsons and farming in general. “We are having great success in gaining support from the business community,” Sylvester says. “We started out local with 100 percent support from the businesses we've spoken with and now the national companies are

stepping up to the plate. We anticipate a very successful fundraiser and invite everyone to attend, contribute, or donate.”

Tickets to the barbeque may be purchased at the door for \$35 per ticket for adults, \$25 for children 12 and under, or by contacting Jenny Rhodes at rhodesjenny@verizon.net or 410-310-0103.

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

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