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### **Jim and Marg Glenn receive OYF's 2011 W.R. Motherwell Award**

**Ancaster, ON [December 8, 2011]** – Ontario crop farmers Jim and Marg Glenn have been awarded the 2010 W.R. Motherwell Award, Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers (OYF) highest recognition.

The Keene, Ontario couple first got involved in OYF in the late 1980s, working to advance, promote and support the work of the organization in Canada. The Glenns were named Ontario's Outstanding Young Farmers in 1986, and Jim became the national organization's second president in 1988.

The W.R. Motherwell award recognizes outstanding service to an individual or couple dedicated to Canada's OYF program. "Jim and Marg are recognized and thanked for the more than 25 years of involvement and improvement they have provided to the OYF program," says OYF President Derek Janzen. "The agriculture community, and OYF, need more people like the Glenns and it is truly an honour to be recognizing them with the W.R. Motherwell award for 2011."

Starting in 1986, the Glenns have been actively involved in OYF nationally and for the Ontario region. Jim's relationship with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture helped him spread the word about OYF and boost the number of new nominations. He helped to initiate the move that now sees the organization move its annual national event across Canada, and his leadership pulled the organization through some tough years. Marg has attended and supported regional OYF events for the past 25 years.

The Glenns, along with three of their four children, farm 1,500 acres of wheat, barley, soybeans and hay. They've diversified their operation with a livestock bedding business, Pioneer Hi-Bred seed dealership, a transportation division and commercial snowplowing service. Jim and Marg have been extensively involved in agriculture, their community and local church – many of those activities continue today. They were named "Farm Family of the Year" in 1977 for Peterborough County, twice received the Master Breeder Shield from the Holstein association (1979 & 1995), and hosted the 2006 International Plowing Match on their farm.

"Jim is widely recognized as a leader in agriculture and he is similarly appreciated for his involvement in every aspect of community life," says nominator Rev. Dr. Barry Day, minister at the Glenn's United Church in Keene, Ontario. "There are countless things that Jim and Marg quietly do to make life better for everyone they come in contact with, and our local community is to have them in our midst."

Dr. Motherwell – the namesake of the W.R. Motherwell Award – was born near Perth, Ontario in 1860. His leadership in Canadian agriculture spanned more than 50 years and he is regarded by many as the "grand old man of Canadian agriculture." His career highlights include minister of agriculture in Saskatchewan's first provincial government, and minister of agriculture for Canada

in the 1920s. Having attending agricultural college in Guelph, Ontario, his move to Saskatchewan resulted in his instrumental role in establishing the agriculture facility at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Motherwell died in 1943 at the age of 83.

Celebrating 31 years, Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers' program is an annual competition to recognize farmers that exemplify excellence in their profession and promote the tremendous contribution of agriculture. Open to participants 18 to 39 years of age, making the majority of income from on-farm sources, participants are selected from seven regions across Canada, with two national winners chosen each year. The program is sponsored nationally by CIBC, John Deere, Bayer CropScience and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and supported nationally by AdFarm and the Canadian Farm Business Management Council.

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