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### ***“BLUE RIBBON FAIR” AWARD TO CLINTON COUNTY FAIR***

**Cresco, IA:** The Clinton County Fair, held in DeWitt, has received the 2009 “Blue Ribbon Fair” Award by the Board of Directors of the Association of Iowa Fairs. The award was presented to the Board of Directors of the Clinton County Fair at the Association’s 2009 Conference and Annual Meeting, which was held December 11, 12 and 13 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, IA. The Clinton County Fair was chosen to receive the award from all the fairs in the Association’s Southeast District.

“One member fair in each of the Association’s six fair districts in Iowa is presented this award each year.” stated Thomas Barnes, Executive Director of the Association. “The fair that receives this award must have shown progress in providing service to the 4-H & FFA programs in their community, plus show distinguished service the community in both fair and non fair areas. My wife Sue & I have visited the Clinton County Fair several times and we found it does indeed serve very well the community as outlined in the guidelines of this award.”

“The Board of Directors of the Association of Iowa Fairs would like to extend to its sincere appreciation to the Clinton County Fair Board and their spouses, led by President Bob Gannon for their commitment to the Clinton County Fair, and to the fair industry in Iowa.” Barnes added. “We also extend our appreciation to the Clinton County Extension Service, 4-H leaders and members, area FFA Chapters and to all the many other area volunteers that are involved with the Clinton County Fair. They all combined make the Clinton County Fair a *Blue Ribbon Fair*.”

The Association of Iowa Fairs is the organizational body of the fair industry in Iowa. It has as its members not only the 105 county and regional fairs of Iowa and the Iowa State Fair, but also 130 plus associate members such as carnivals, entertainment agencies, festivals, chambers, concessionaires, special attractions and suppliers of the industry. Together, the members of the Association work together to promote and strengthen the fair industry in Iowa.

The 2010 officers of the Association are President John Straight of Logan in Harrison County, First Vice President Darwin Gaudian of Primghar in O’Brien County and Second Vice President Jim Mohr of Coon Rapids in Carroll County. The immediate Past President is Dave Hoffman of Le Mars in Plymouth County. Thomas and Susan Barnes of Cresco serve as the Association’s Executive Director and Executive Secretary/Treasurer respectively, and are associated with the Mighty Howard County Fair in Cresco. For further information on the Association of Iowa Fairs, visit [www.iowafairs.com](http://www.iowafairs.com).