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Voge Earns Cattlemen's Commercial Producer of the Year Award

(MARYSVILLE, Ohio) – The Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) awarded Fred Voge and Voge Farms of West Alexandria, Ohio, the Commercial Producer of the Year Award at the OCA awards banquet held Jan. 11, 2020, at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center, Ohio.

OCA and *Farm and Dairy* jointly sponsor this award to recognize Ohio's top commercial beef operations. The award presentation featured a video of the Voge family that was generously sponsored by the Union Stock Yards and Muskingum Livestock Sales Company.

Voge Farms is owned and operated by Fred Voge of Preble County where his current operation was purchased outside of the family's operations. Voge finds pride in continuing the family tradition of making the farm better. He manages a variety of breeds from Angus, Hereford, Charolais, and Wagyu. Recently, he has become involved with the Sakura Farms Ohio Wagyu program where he has grown and diversified his operation. Voge markets his cattle directly to the packers, and his backgrounded cattle get directly marketed to feedlots. His operation was able to upgrade its facilities through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) with the assistance of the Ohio State University Extension Beef Team and Dr. Francis Fluharty. To spread risk, he took more consideration toward feeding Wagyu. Voge takes pride in having no commercial phosphorus and little potassium applied to the farm since 1980. It remains a priority to promote sustainability for the next generation, profitability, and the environment.

The Ohio Cattlemen's Association is a non-profit membership organization that represents the business interests and way of life important to farm families that raise cattle. It serves as the voice and issues manager for all of Ohio's beef cattle business including cattle breeders, producers and feeders. It is the beef industry's grassroots policy development organization and is an affiliate of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. The Ohio Cattlemen's Association strives to maintain profitability and growth of Ohio's beef industry, while providing consumers with safe and wholesome beef.

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Cutline- Voge Farms was honored with the Commercial Producer of the Year Award at the OCA Banquet. Pictured from left to right are Fred Voge, Kasen Cole, Kooper Cole, and Rebecca Miller of Farm & Dairy.