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American Corn Growers Foundation Continues Wind Power Information, Education and Outreach Project With New W. K. Kellogg Foundation Grant

WASHINGTON, DC, August 10, 2005---The American Corn Growers Foundation (ACGF), through its *Wealth From The Wind* program, is continuing its information, education and outreach project aimed at developing the economic and environmental potential of wind power generation for the economic benefit of farmers, the people living in rural communities and for the future energy security of American society.

The wind energy education and outreach project is funded by a two-year \$200,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan and continues throughout calendar years 2005 and 2006.

“Wind energy offers tremendous economic development opportunity for rural America as well as an important means to establish diverse, dispersed and decentralized energy sources,” said Dan McGuire, ACGF CEO. “Wind energy is an excellent source of renewable, sustainable and clean energy for the 21st century. The American Wind Energy Association estimates that wind could provide six percent (6%) of America’s electricity by the year 2020. This new grant will help the ACGF aggressively pursue that target.”

Gale Lush, ACGF Chairman stated, “A new 2005 Nebraska Rural Poll, conducted by the University of Nebraska, confirms a strong majority of Nebraskans think that ten percent (10%) of the state’s electricity should be generated from alternative energy sources. These new poll results reconfirm ACGF national corn farmer surveys conducted in 2003 and 2004.” A May 2005 Yale University survey found that eighty-seven percent (87%) of the public support expanded wind farms. This level of support was found across all regions of the country and in every demographic group. “The American Corn Growers Foundation and American Corn Growers Association look forward to continuing our lead agricultural sector role in promoting community-based, farmer-owned wind energy as a renewable, inexhaustible, new cash crop,” said Lush.

The American Corn Growers Foundation (ACGF) is a nonprofit foundation that was formed in 1987 and is dedicated to meeting the needs of America’s agricultural producers and rural citizens through the development of educational and informational programs. The ACGF works closely with the American Corn Growers Association as well as other foundations, governmental agencies, farm, commodity, rural and community-based organizations in carrying out its educational and informational programs.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 “to help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations.” Its programming activities center around the common vision of a world in which each person has a sense of worth, accepts responsibility for self, family, community, and societal well-being; and has the capacity to be productive, and to help create nurturing families, responsive institutions, and healthy communities.

To achieve the greatest impact, the Foundation targets its grants toward specific areas. These include: Health; food systems and rural development; youth and education; and philanthropy and volunteerism. Within these areas, attention is given to the crosscutting themes of leadership; information and communication technology, capitalizing on diversity, and social and economic community development. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.