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**BASF and NAWG Foundation Establish Scholarship in Name of Longtime Employee, Friend**

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 29, 2012 – (*AgNewsWire*) The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) Foundation and BASF will establish a scholarship fund for students pursuing careers in the agriculture industry to honor longtime wheat industry friend and BASF employee Jerry Minore.

As a BASF Senior Market Manager, Minore was a liaison to the wheat industry, including NAWG and the Foundation, and an advocate for wheat growers. He passed away unexpectedly in February.

To honor his advocacy for the wheat industry, BASF has partnered with NAWG to fund a Jerry Minore Memorial Scholarship of up to $5,000 per year for the next three years. The Foundation will administer the scholarship program to benefit students with connections to the wheat industry who are pursuing agricultural-related studies.

Applications for the Jerry Minore Memorial Scholarship will be accepted through the end of 2012, with the first recipients announced at the 2013 Commodity Classic.

BASF will also sponsor winners' participation at the 2013 Commodity Classic to provide out-of-the-classroom ag education, as well as an opportunity to network with industry leaders.

"We are honored by the opportunity to partner with BASF on the Minore Scholarship," said NAWG Foundation Executive Director Dana Peterson. "Jerry’s insight into the industry and sense of humor will be greatly missed, but we know he would be pleased that a scholarship in his name will help future agriculture students complete their educations."

“Our friend and colleague Jerry Minore was passionate about the future of agriculture and the sustainability of the wheat industry,” said Paul Rea, Vice President, U.S. Crop Protection, BASF. “BASF echoes these commitments to the industry and we know Jerry would be honored to support the bright students who will lead the industry into the future.”

More information about applying for the Minore Scholarship will be available in late spring from the NAWG Foundation.

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