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Campbell's Help Grow Your Soup Campaign **BARN PRESERVATION BACKGROUNDEERS**

Campbell Soup Company and the National FFA Organization are teaming up to support the future of American farming by preserving its iconic symbol – red barns. Across America, they are reviving several historic barns from Reddick, Ill. to Molalla, Ore. The preservations will be completed by April 2009 for each of these barns, which have unique stories and contribute in different ways to agriculture and education.

Midwest

Cotterill Family Barn – Cherryvale, Kan.

Tucked in the Southeast corner of Kansas is the 1,480-acre farm owned by Gary and Marie Cotterill. Gary and Marie's children Paul, Rex and Regina grew up on their family farm raising cattle, horses and growing several different types of grass. Gary and both of his sons were members of their local FFA chapter. Rex's experience in FFA helped lead to his current career as a horse trainer and assistant on the family farm, while Paul is a local veterinarian and lifetime member of the Cherryvale FFA Alumni. Gary and Marie are excited to work with Campbell Soup Company and the National FFA Organization to help restore their family's barn so it can be passed on to a third generation of FFA members in their family and continue to preserve the future of American agriculture.

South

Maxwell Family Barn – Nashville, Tenn.

The Maxwell family farm is the former home to President Andrew Jackson, giving Aubrey and Louise Maxwell a unique piece of history that will be forever preserved as farmland. The farm has been a part of the Maxwell family since the late 1800s. Generations of sheep, hogs, cows, turkeys, mules and horses have all spent time on this 178-acre plot of land. Now the farm is dedicated to raising beef and growing hay. Protecting this land and its farming tradition is very important to the Maxwell Family and to help protect its future, Aubrey registered it into The Land Trust for Tennessee. The trust ensures conservation of property to protect scenic, wildlife, or agricultural resources, like the Maxwell family farm, by placing permanent restrictions on the future uses of the land keeping it safe from new development in the area, remain in tact as farm land. Preserving the barn with the help of the Campbell Soup Company and the National FFA Organization will not only help the Maxwell Family, but it will also help preserve a historic landmark for future generation of American farmers.

Northeast

Reynolds Barn – Corfu, N.Y.

Farming has been part of the Reynolds family for more than 100 years in the Corfu, N.Y. community, which makes this preservation project not only a family project, but a local community effort. Edward and Mary Reynolds purchased their farm and barn in 1956. Edward was a member of the FFA and served as Vice President for the New York FFA Association from 1947-1948. Their youngest son, John, currently runs the farm with his family. Two of the Corfu-area FFA chapters and their alumni will aid in the preservation of the barn with the help of the Campbell Soup Company. The Reynolds family has experienced many years of success at its farm over the last few decades and continues to do so by raising dairy cattle.

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West

Sabin-Schellenberg Barn – Clackamas, Ore.

The Clackamas FFA chapter barn, owned by the North Clackamas School District, is a very special place within the Clackamas, Ore. community. The barn provides a home for a variety of activities from hosting kindergarten tours to providing FFA members with a place to house their steer before county fairs. Annually, this special barn hosts a tour for more than 2,500 pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students in the area. The tours not only educate participants on all of the animals in the petting zoo, but also the barn itself. While future FFA members are learning about the barn and the animals, current FFA students are able to use this facility to raise steers for county fair projects and breed rabbits to be sold as pets. Local FFA Alumni spend time at this barn assisting with fundraising for the chapter and teaching the community about the importance of both the barn and farming. In this developing area, it's important to have a strong FFA chapter to help preserve the future of American farming and this barn preservation will help educate young people for generations to come.

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