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John (Jay) Nutting Awarded Prestigious Eisenhower Agriculture Fellowship

PHILADELPHIA, PA—February 3, 2009—Eisenhower Fellowships is pleased to announce the selection of John (Jay) Nutting as the 2009 Agriculture Fellow. Mr. Nutting is deeply involved in his family's dairy farm - Androscoggin Holsteins with his parents John and Sandy Nutting in Leeds, Maine also works as a Government Affairs Consultant for Maine Street Solutions. Mr. Nutting, will travel to India & the European Commission to examine the nexus between reducing energy use in growing crops and raising livestock, and increasing food production for a growing worldwide population. He will join an impressive international network of previous Eisenhower Agriculture Fellows, including 17 from the field of agriculture, who have traveled abroad to examine such topics as farmland preservation, genetically modified crops, biofuels and renewable energy, building strong farm organizations, and agricultural trade.

As an agriculture professional and policy consultant, Jay Nutting divides his time between his family's top-25 ranked registered Holstein farm in Leeds and the Maine State House where he lobbies for diverse clients, in fields ranging from renewable energy to elections laws. Mr. Nutting attended Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va where he received a BS in Agricultural & Applied Economics.

Mr. Nutting was selected after a competitive interview and selection process by the Eisenhower Fellowships Selection Committee which is composed of leaders and innovators in the agriculture industry, including former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture James Moseley. In recommending him, Michael Saxl, Principle of Maine Street Solutions stated "It comes as no surprise to me that the Eisenhower Fellowships would award Jay with this singular honor. Jay has lived and breathed farming his entire life, and worked in and around politics when he wasn't milking cows or previewing an upcoming auction. We are very proud of him, and know that this distinguished fellowship will further his already considerable grasp of international energy and agricultural issues."

As an Eisenhower Fellow, Mr. Nutting will travel on an intensive 5 week individualized professional program to India and the European Commission where his perspectives and contacts will be enriched through professional meetings with farmers, farm organizations, national government officials, university researchers, and policy experts in the field of agricultural energy use and food policy.

Eisenhower Fellowships is a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization seeking to foster international understanding and leadership through the exchange of information, ideas, and perspectives among emerging leaders throughout the world. Established in 1953 as a birthday tribute to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the organization has sponsored more than 1700 Fellows from 108 countries. The chairman of Eisenhower Fellowships is General Colin L. Powell, USA (Retired); former President George H.W. Bush is honorary chairman.

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