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## **35th Young Leader Class Kicks Off in Iowa**

St. Louis, MO (Dec. 17 2018) The 35th class of American Soybean Association (ASA) Corteva Agriscience™, Agriculture Division of DowDuPont Young Leaders recently began their leadership journey at the Corteva Agriscience Global Business Center in Johnston, Iowa.

The Johnston training session was the first phase of the program designed to identify future grower leaders within the agriculture community and provide them with opportunities to enhance their skills and network with other farmers. Representatives from 19 states and the Grain Farmers of Ontario participated in the program. Young Leaders participated in DiSC and communications training, discussed CRISPR technology, consumer trends and other important soybean industry advancements.

“The Young Leader Program has had a huge impact on not only ASA, but all of agriculture,” said ASA President and Iowa farmer John Heisdorffer. “Former Young Leaders can be found in leadership roles throughout the industry and public policy. We are grateful to Corteva Agriscience for making this program possible. The Young Leader program provides training in key leadership areas and allows participants to form lasting relationships with growers from across the country, which strengthens our industry and allows us to work collaboratively in our local, state and national organizations.”

“Corteva Agriscience™ always strives to put the farmer-first in all that we do,” said Judd O’Connor, President, U.S. Commercial Business, Corteva Agriscience, Agriculture Division of Dow DuPont. “Having young leaders who are willing and well-equipped to speak up for agriculture is critical in helping to ensure the voice of farmers is part of the conversation among the public and the full value chain.”

The 2019 Young Leaders are: Stuart & Suzie Sanderson (AL); Kyle & Stacie Schlenker (AR); Austin & Katelynn Baer (IL); Miranda Biddle (IL); Tim & Brittany Gueldener (IL); Eric & Megan Scheller (IN); Reed Burres (IA); Tyler Cvitkovic (KY); Anna Redding (KY) & Jason Putt (OH); Kody Beavers (LA); Chris & Debra Schmidt (MI); Mark & Vanessa Senk (MI); Wes Miller & Amanda Heilman (MD); Haley Ammann (MN); Andrew & Heidi Pulk (MN); Mitchell & Andrea Rice (MO); Nathan White (MO); Clint & Katie Hostler (NE); Simeon Williams (NC); Joshua Askew (ND); Joshua Stutrud (ND); Adam Vance (OH); Brent & Mollie Greenway (SD); Derek & Micayla Giffin (TN); Donald Thomas (VA); Zac Soltvedt & Amber Bellows (WI); and Aaron McQueen (Canada).

This second phase of the Young Leader program will take place Feb. 26 – March 1, 2019, in Orlando, Fla., with training held in conjunction with the annual Commodity Classic Convention and Trade Show.

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*The American Soybean Association (ASA) represents U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international policy issues important to the soybean industry. ASA has 26 affiliated state associations representing 30 soybean producing states and more than 300,000 soybean farmers.*

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