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## **For Immediate Release**

### ***Nebraska Young Farmer Honored with Top Producer's Horizon Award***

*Lenexa, Kan.* (Feb. 5, 2018)—Maggie Holub, a row-crop farmer from Scribner, Neb., was recognized with the 2018 Tomorrow's Top Producer Horizon Award at Farm Journal Media's Top Producer Seminar in Chicago.

Sponsored by DuPont Pioneer, the Tomorrow's Top Producer Horizon Award recognizes a producer under the age of 35 who demonstrates excellence in the business of farming. This includes marketing, farm finance and technology, as well as family and employee relations. Applications are received from young farmers across the country and judged by a panel of industry experts.

Holub always knew farming would eventually be her profession. To arm her with vital financial skills and experience, she earned an agribusiness degree at the University of Nebraska and became a credit analyst for Farm Credit Services of America.

In October 2014, that plan was fast-tracked. Her father passed away from brain cancer leaving the operation with no leader and a crop in the ground. Maggie's family rallied through harvest and started making important decisions about the future. In 2015, Maggie entered her first year as a farmer, while keeping her job at FCS America.

Like many young farmers, she had little working capital. She secured operating financing through her local Farm Service Agency, calculated her breakevens, projected her cash flow and improved the operation's record keeping. This was on top of developing her agronomic skills, learning to operate all the farm equipment and increasing her grain marketing knowledge.

For the future, Holub hopes to expand beyond her 350 acres, add more technology, upgrade her machinery and diversify with swine production.

Holub serves on her local YMCA's board of directors and volunteers at their local events.

As part of the award and for demonstrating excellence in farming, Holub received a trip to the 2018 Top Producer Seminar and other prizes from the award sponsor, DuPont Pioneer.

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