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Students Compete for Science Scholarships at ExxonMobil Sponsored Texas FFA Agriscience Fair

-- ExxonMobil is \$10,000 title sponsor for 5th year

-- Held in Conjunction with Texas FFA Annual Convention

LUBBOCK, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Students from throughout Texas will compete for science scholarships at the 2011 ExxonMobil-sponsored Texas FFA Agriscience Fair in Lubbock, Texas, on July 13. The competition will be held at the Texas Tech University United Spirit Arena in conjunction with the 83rd Annual Texas FFA Convention taking place July 11-15. As the largest state FFA convention in the nation and the largest youth-led convention in Texas, this year's meeting is expected to attract more than 10,000 people.

"ExxonMobil recognizes the essential role that proficiency in math and science plays to address the challenges the world faces - not just in energy, but agriculture, medicine, computing and many other important fields," said Stuart Jeffries, operations manager for Texas, ExxonMobil Production Company. "Texas FFA not only enhances students' knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, but it also fosters leadership and citizenship in our community. We proudly support their efforts."

FFA students in grades 7 through 12 from all over the state will compete in five categories including biochemistry, microbiology and food science; environmental sciences; zoology; botany; and engineering. Winners in each category and division will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and will advance to the National FFA Agriscience Fair held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention in October in Indianapolis, Indiana.

This year's convention marks the fifth consecutive year of ExxonMobil's title sponsorship of the Texas FFA Agriscience competition. Since 2005, the company has donated over \$110,000 to agriscience fairs, contests and environmental programs.

About ExxonMobil

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ExxonMobil has several facilities throughout Texas which produce and process natural gas, oil and condensate that help to fuel Texas businesses, homes, and economies with a stable, reliable source of domestic energy. ExxonMobil engages in a range of philanthropic activities that advance education, health and science in the communities where it has significant

operations. In 2010, the company donated more than \$3.8 million to education institutions across Texas.

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