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Great Country Music Names in the Commodity Classic Spotlight

Countdown to Classic – 30 days until Commodity Classic

ST. LOUIS (January 31, 2012) — Some of Nashville's top talent will take the stage at the Grand Ole Opry for Commodity Classic's closeout Evening of Entertainment, an exclusive event for Commodity Classic attendees on Saturday, March 3, sponsored by Monsanto. The roster of stars includes:

- Darryl Worley, who has sold nearly two million albums, earned nominations for five major ACM and CMA awards, including Song of the Year and Single of the Year, and has written songs for other major artists, including George Jones.
- Born and raised in Kentucky farm country, John Conlee grew up plowing fields, slopping hogs, harvesting grain, raising tobacco and tending cattle. In March 1978, "Rose Colored Glasses," a song Conlee wrote, became a huge hit as well as his signature song.
- American country music singer and songwriter Sarah Darling's debut album, *Every Monday Morning*, was released in June 2009. Her single "Jack of Hearts" successfully made its debut on Country Music Television's top 20 countdown. A second album, *Angels & Devils*, was released in February 2011.

- Mike Snider first worked his way into people's hearts through his hundreds of spots on TNN's Nashville Now, and his seven-year stay in the cornfield on "Hee Haw." His band loves to play real, heartfelt American fiddle tunes as much as Mike does.
- Joey+Rory is an American country music husband-and-wife duo composed of singer-songwriters Rory Lee Feek and Joey Martin Feek. The duo was the third-place finalist on CMT's competition Can You Duet in 2008. Their initial lead-off single, "Cheater, Cheater," was a Top 40 hit on the Billboard country charts.

"The Evening of Entertainment will cap off three days of learning sessions, policymaking, networking and a sold-out, record-setting trade show that has the 17th annual Commodity Classic on pace to be the largest in history," said Commodity Classic co-chair Jeff Sollars.

Commodity Classic will be held March 1-3 at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn., and is presented annually by the National Corn Growers Association, American Soybean Association, National Association of Wheat Growers and National Sorghum Producers. In addition to numerous social opportunities, the event offers a wide range of learning and networking opportunities for growers in the areas of production, policy, marketing, management and stewardship—as well as showcasing the latest in equipment, technology and innovation. For more information, visit www.CommodityClassic.com.

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