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### **Forest Concepts, LLC Wins an *AE50* Award from ASABE**

ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN – The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) selected Forest Concepts LLC's, *WoodStraw™ wood-strand erosion control mulch* as one of 53 award winning products in the 2006 *AE50* competition.

Products winning *AE50* awards represent the best and the brightest developed around the globe for the agricultural, food, and biological systems industries.

The innovations highlighted were selected from numerous entries in the competition sponsored by ASABE's *Resource* magazine. The judges who chose the winners represent all facets of the agricultural, food, biological, and related systems engineering professions. The expert panel picked the best of products first introduced to the marketplace during 2005. These products are expected to save producers time, costs, and labor while improving user safety.

Problem solving is a major goal in designs, whether one is developing a better way to spread manure, water a golf course, or monitor weather conditions. Environmental concerns must also be factored in while keeping production and operating costs low.

The annual *AE50* program has been applauding engineering achievements for close to two decades. Past winners include companies of all sizes throughout the world.

From better tractors and implements to computer software and high-tech electronic measuring devices and sensors, the 2006 *AE50* winners cover a wide gamut. The *AE50* is the only awards program of its kind, applauding companies for developments in specific areas of agricultural, food, and biological systems.

Many of the new ideas are patented and their names trademarked. Some may become household words in the future. Others will be improved upon as technology advances.

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an international educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to biological, agricultural, and food systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St. Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises 9,000 members representing more than 100 countries. Further information on ASABE can be obtained by contacting ASABE at (269) 429-0300 (phone) or (269) 429-3852 (fax); [hq@asabe.org](mailto:hq@asabe.org). Details can also be found at <http://www.asabe.org/>.