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### **Livestock Hall of Fame Established**

Four Virginia livestock industry organizations have established a permanent hall of fame for the purpose of bestowing honor and recognition to those individuals, living or deceased, who have made significant contributions to the livestock industry and its people.

Virginians eligible for recognition will be individuals noted as outstanding statewide, regionally or nationally in the livestock industry including beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep or swine and their products. Such individuals may be recognized as breeders, feeders, promoters, producers, stockmen, educators, marketers or industry leaders. Deceased honorees will be termed Pioneers.

The first framed portraits of selected individuals are scheduled to be hung and permanently displayed at the new State Fair of Virginia Meadow Event Park near Richmond in September 2010. These will also be honored at state industry annual meetings in early 2010

The four sponsoring organizations are: the Virginia Cattlemen's Association, the Virginia State Dairymen's Association, the Virginia Sheep Producers Association and the Virginia Pork Industry Association. Nominations for those to be honored will be managed by these four organizations. They will be responsible for receiving nominations from other related associations and individuals and for getting final nominations to the Virginia Livestock Hall of Fame by **November 16, 2009**.

For more information, contact the sponsoring organizations as follows:

Virginia Cattlemen's Association  
P.O. Box 9, Daleville, VA 24083, 540-992-1009

Virginia State Dairymen's Association  
P.O. Box 29, Bridgewater, VA 22812, 540-828-6960

Virginia Sheep Producers Association  
Dept. of Animal & Poultry Science, Virginia Tech,  
Blacksburg, VA 24061, 540- 231-9159

Virginia Pork Industry Association  
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