**BONIFACE INDUCTED INTO WISCONSIN STATE FAIR SHEEP HALL OF FAME**

Dick Boniface of Oak Grove, MN, has been selected as a 2015 distinguished honoree for the Wisconsin State Fair Sheep Hall of Fame. The recognition was held during the Wisconsin State Fair, held recently in West Allis, WI. The award recognizes individuals who have outstanding service to the Wisconsin State Fair sheep programs. He judged the Wisconsin State Fair wool fleece show for 20 consecutive years and also assisted with the shearing contests.

During his nearly 40 year tenure with North Central Wool Marketing Corporation, a regional co-op headquartered in Minneapolis, Boniface worked with the Wisconsin Sheep Industry in various capacities. He attended and spoke at several of the sheep conferences at the Spooner Experiment Station and was a guest at a number of Wisconsin’s statewide sheep conferences. He served as a guest speaker for Dr. Art Pope’s animal science classes at the University of Wisconsin teaching about wool and wool marketing. University of Wisconsin students visited North Central headquarters to learn about grading and preparing wool for shipping to woolen mills.

“I have many fond memories of the Wisconsin State Fair”, he stated “not only judging the shows but being involved as a salesman for the Wool Shop coordinated by my good friend Roger Harris and seeing old friends. I’m proud of my many accomplishments in the sheep industry, but my greatest treasure is working for and getting to know hundreds of the greatest people in the world—sheep producers, shearers, and other farm folks in the North Central States.”

Boniface has been inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Hall of Fame, has received the American Sheep Industry Camp tender Award and recently the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative Art Pope Award.

**Fosston Fiber Festival at Northern Woolen Mills**

Oct. 24. Learn more at www.fosstonfiberfestival.com

Workshops are listed on the festival website. Some spaces still available! For more information, contact: Alethea Kenney, 218-435-2600, 218-657-2502 or info@fosstonfiberfestival.com

**Mark your Calendars! 2015 Shepherd’s Holiday—Dec. 4-6, Oak Ridge Conference Center, Chaska.**

Updated information will be posted on the MLWPA website later this month. See you there!
The 21st Annual Dairy Sheep Association of North America (DSANA) Symposium will be held in Madison, Wisconsin on November 5-7, 2015 with a pre-symposium sheep milk cheese-making course on November 4, 2015. Important deadlines are approaching: October 3 for reduced rates on hotel reservations and October 16 for early symposium registration at a reduced rate.

For more information, go to www.dsana.org.