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MORRIS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES TWO NEW PROGRAMS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (Oct. 8, 2008) – The Ralph K. Morris Foundation is sponsoring the banquet at the upcoming 11th Annual Farmer Cooperatives conference. The Foundation is honored to have Jon Wefald, President of Kansas State University, as its keynote speaker. The Farmer Cooperatives Conference will be held November 18-19, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Paul, with the banquet on November 18 at 6:30 p.m. Online registration for the conference or banquet only can be made at <http://uwcc.wisc.edu/farmercoops08/>.

In conjunction with the banquet, the Morris Foundation will be announcing the recipient of the Elroy Webster Coop Studies Fund, the newly established program that provides a scholarship and honorary award to graduate students and law school students interested in agriculture and cooperatives. The award will encourage and support the development of innovation in future cooperative business, law and economics leaders, thus ensuring that cooperatives continue to meet the needs of agricultural producers and rural communities in the future.

In addition to the two new programs above, the Ralph K. Morris Foundation will host the Fifth Annual Cooperative Leadership Symposium on November 10, 2008 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Ralph Grossi, recently retired President of American Farmland Trust will be the keynote speaker. For more information on this event, visit the Foundation website at www.ralphkmorrisfoundation.org.

The Ralph K. Morris Foundation was established in 2001 to carry on the legacy of a great cooperative leader, attorney Ralph Morris. The objective of the Foundation is to provide development opportunities

for emerging leaders expressing interest in applying and advancing the principles of cooperation. The Foundation provided 60 scholarships to emerging cooperators in 2007.