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CHS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$620,000 TO 35 COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ST. PAUL, Minn. (Jan. 11, 2010) – The CHS Foundation announced today it has awarded \$620,000 in Cooperative Education Grants to programs throughout the country that enhance the understanding of cooperative business through education, professional development and practical experience.

This year, funds are being distributed among 18 organizations, reaching 35 youth and adult education programs. Some first-time Cooperative Education Grant recipients include: Kansas State University's *Agribusiness Study Tour* and cooperative distance learning class; Association of Cooperative Educators' *Cooperative Education Continuum*; North Dakota Farmers Union Educational Foundation's *Coop Business Management* program; South Dakota Farmers Union *Foundation's Lake Area Technical Institute Dual Credit Coop Principles*; and Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation's *Coops 101* program.

"Cooperatives play an increasingly vital role in the success of U.S. agriculture," said William Nelson, president, CHS Foundation. "The CHS Foundation is thrilled to support these 35 programs which are key to the development and understanding of cooperative business."

Since 2000, CHS and the CHS Foundation have awarded more than \$6.5 million to programs that enhance cooperative education.

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