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**EQUITY COOPERATIVE LIVESTOCK SALES ASSOCIATION  
HONORED AT WISCONSIN 4-H HALL OF FAME CEREMONY**

*Madison, Wis.* (January 1, 2017) – The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation announced today that Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association was honored as a major partner and contributor at the 2016 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Gala.

“We are truly grateful for the support of generous partners, like Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association,” says Brenda Scheider, Director of Development for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. “Our partners help 4-H create cutting-edge, relevant programs for young people to learn real-world skills that will prepare them for the challenges of today and tomorrow, moving communities, the state, our county and the world forward in ways no other youth organization can.”

Nearly 150,000 youth participate in the Wisconsin 4-H program, with the majority hailing from urban areas of the state. More than 22,000 volunteers support the program. Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association helps support all of their efforts. You can find out more about Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association at their website, <http://www.equitycoop.com/>.

Chuck Adami, President and CEO, says, “Equity Livestock recognizes the dynamic role agriculture plays in our economy. Our contributions support our investment in the future of the livestock industry.”

Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped young people develop the skills they need to meet the demands of our complex and ever-changing world. 4-H has grown from a rich history of agricultural clubs that helped the University of Wisconsin-Extension connect families to research-based advancements in farming technology and techniques. Today’s 4-H still boasts strong programs in agriculture and animal science and has grown to include science, leadership, healthy living and communications programming that will help Wisconsin youth build a healthier and more prosperous future.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, Wisconsin, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports the nearly 150,000 youth who take part in various 4-H leadership, developments, and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).

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Janice Schyvinck (second from left) and Nancy Bilz (second from right) of Equity Livestock present their check to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation represented by Dale Leidheiser and Mary Kaye Merwin.