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**Wisconsin State Fair
Century and Sesquicentennial
Farm & Home Applications Now Available**

West Allis, WI – November 24, 2008 – Officials of the Wisconsin State Fair, presented by U.S. Cellular, are pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2009 Century and Sesquicentennial Farm and Home Award.

To qualify for the award, families are required to provide proof of continuous family ownership of a property in the state of Wisconsin for either the last 100 or 150 years. All property owners will be honored at a special Century and Sesquicentennial Farm and Home Award program held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, in conjunction with the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair, August 6 – 16.

Honorees will receive complimentary Fair admission tickets, invitation to the awards breakfast sponsored by Hillshire Farm, a commemorative photo, certificate and outdoor display sign provided by Hillshire Farm, a longtime program sponsor.

The Century Farm and Home Program began in 1948 in conjunction with the State of Wisconsin's Centennial Celebration. There are currently over 8,180 Century Farms and Homes nestled throughout the Badger State. The Sesquicentennial Program originated in 1998 as part of the State's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Since that time, over 500 families have been honored. In 2008, 99 Century properties and 28 Sesquicentennial properties were honored for carrying on Wisconsin's rich family farming tradition.

To request a copy of either application, write to Century or Sesquicentennial Farm & Home Program, 640 South 84th Street, West Allis, WI 53214, call Jill Albanese, Program Coordinator, at 414-777-0580, or call the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection's, Bureau of Farm Services at 1-800-942-2474. **The deadline for applications is March 1, 2009, and only one certificate is issued per property.**

For more information on events held at Wisconsin State Fair Park, call 1-800-884-FAIR, 414-266-7000 or visit us online at www.wistatefair.com.

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