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NAMI to Honor Meat Industry Hall of Fame Inductees at 2017 IPPE

Washington, D.C. – Dec. 2, 2016 – The North American Meat Institute (NAMI) announced that the 2016 Meat Industry Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner will take place Jan. 31, 2017, at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Georgia, as part of the schedule of events at the 2017 International Production and Processing Expo (IPPE). This annual event honors individuals whose vision, skill and dedication have shaped and sustained the meat and poultry industry as the leading sector of North American food production.

This year's inductees include Dr. Joe Cordray, professor and extension meat specialist, Iowa State University; Chuck Hendryx, vice president, meat, H-E-B Grocery Company; Sam Kane (deceased), founder, Sam Kane Beef Processors; C. Larry Pope, president and chief executive officer, Smithfield Foods; Dr. Joe Sebranek, professor, Iowa State University; Sam Stein (deceased), founder and chairman, Chef's Pantry and Sam Stein Associates; and Clayton Yeutter, former U.S. secretary of agriculture.

"The incoming Hall of Fame Class of 2016 is a reflection of the talented, innovative, and dedicated leaders who have worked tirelessly to ensure the continued strength and growth of the meat and poultry industry," said NAMI President and CEO Barry Carpenter. "These seven individuals have set the highest standards of service, professionalism and ethics, and their work is an example that other industry professionals should seek to emulate."

The reception, hosted by Where Food Comes From, will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the dinner will be sponsored by JBT Corporation.

To qualify for nomination to the Hall of Fame, candidates must have contributed significant innovation, achieved notable business success or otherwise positively impacted their organization, institution or larger industry segment. In addition, the nominees chosen for induction must have undertaken noteworthy community service or philanthropy during their careers and upon retirement.

For more information about the Hall of Fame and the ceremony, click [here](#). Individual tickets can be added to attendee or exhibitor registration for IPPE at www.ippexpo.org. For table sales, contact Chuck Jolley at Chuck@MeatIndustryHallofFame.com or by calling 913/205-3791.

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ABOUT IPPE

The International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) is a collaboration of three shows - International Feed Expo, International Meat Expo and the International Poultry Expo - representing the entire chain of protein production and processing. The event is sponsored by the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), North American Meat Institute (NAMI) and U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY).

ABOUT NAMI

The North American Meat Institute (NAMI) is the leading voice for the meat and poultry industry. Formed from the 2015 merger of the American Meat Institute (AMI) and North American Meat Association (NAMA), the Institute has a rich, century-long history and provides essential member services including legislative, regulatory, scientific, international and public affairs representation. NAMI's mission is to shape a public policy environment in which the meat and poultry industry can produce wholesome products safely, efficiently and profitably. Together, the Institute's members produce the vast majority of U.S. beef, pork, lamb and poultry and the equipment, ingredients and services needed for the highest quality products.

ABOUT AFIA

The American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers. AFIA also is the recognized leader on international industry developments. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers.

ABOUT USPOULTRY

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) is the all-feather organization representing the complete spectrum of today's poultry industry, whose mission is to progressively serve member companies through research, education, communication and technical assistance. Founded in 1947, USPOULTRY is based in Tucker, Ga.