



2013 Missouri Livestock Symposium Person of the Year **David Moore, DVM** Kirksville, Missouri

David was born on his parent's farm southeast of Kirksville. He began his livestock career in 1957 when he started his first 4-H project with a crossbred ewe lamb. He purchased his first Montadale ram in 1958 and in 1959 he and his brother borrowed a truck, built a box to haul sheep and their dad took them to the National Montadale Show and Sale. Here he purchased his first registered sheep and thus began his career as a sheep producer which has continued for over forty years. As a veterinarian and sheep producer, David has dedicated his life to the livestock industry.

While there have been a number of different species of farm animals on the Moore family farm over the years, David currently only raises sheep. He has become a well-known and respected producer of registered Montadale and Dorset sheep. He has exhibited sheep at the local, state, and national levels over the years and has had champions at all levels. His grandchildren are continuing the tradition of showing sheep.

David attended and graduated from the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine and after practicing in a large animal practice in Illinois for one year, he returned to Kirksville to open a mixed animal practice. He currently owns and practices at Adair County Veterinary Clinic. In 1995, his oldest son, John, joined him in practice. In 1998, the practice was expanded to include two practices, one in Kirksville and one in LaPlata.

During his 39 years of practice, David has contributed to the livestock industry by practicing in the areas of dairy, beef, swine and sheep as well as being a livestock market veterinarian. In addition, he has also developed a small animal practice and is the Director of the Animal Facility at ATSU. David has also served on countless committees and boards involving livestock. He is a past-president of the Northeast Missouri Sheep Producers and was a member of the State of Missouri Scrapies Eradication Program. He has also served as Secretary of the Northeast Missouri District Fair Board and was a 4-H Sheep Project Leader for many years in addition to being the Sheep Superintendent for the NEMO District Fair for several years. David has always been a supporter of the Adair County 4-H Livestock Sale. He has been honored as an Adair County Friend of 4-H and was awarded the Show Me Master Purebred Sheep Producer's Award. He and his wife have been added to the Extension Leaders Honor Roll of the University of Missouri and the Moore family has been honored as the Adair County Farm Family at the Missouri State Fair.

As a practicing veterinarian, David is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, Bovine Practitioners, Society of Theriogenology, and Veterinary Consultants. He has presented numerous programs throughout the Midwest, including sessions for the Missouri Livestock Symposium, on sheep production and diseases.

David and his wife, Brenda, have five sons: John and wife Kim, Bryan, Daniel and wife Amanda, Adam and wife Laura, and Brett and wife Jennifer. David is most proud that all of his sons have earned college degrees. They also have eleven grandchildren: Levi, Abby, Anna, Jacob, Brooke, Luke, Matthew, Zachary, Quincy, Lela and Penelope.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is proud to add David Moore to the Missouri Livestock Symposium's Hall of Fame and recognize him as the 2013 Missouri Livestock Person of the Year.