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**For Immediate Release - Dr. Liptrap Photo # 3848 - (Dr. Liptrap on left in photo, with Harold Workman on right.)**

### **Dennis Liptrap Receives “Vision Award” from North American International**

*Claude L. Brock, writer / Danny Bolin, photographer*

**Louisville, KY - November 14, 2011** - Dr. Dennis Liptrap, a resident of Nicholasville, Kentucky, has been honored with the Newell G. Hicks Vision Award. The honor ranks among the highest that is bestowed annually by the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). That major livestock expo is the world’s largest purebred extravaganza, bringing over 22,000 entries and ten livestock species to Kentucky each year, along with visitors from 15-18 foreign countries.

Dr. Liptrap, affectionately known as “Denny”, is a long-time Nicholasville, Kentucky resident, whose influence in the swine industry has had worldwide reach. He retired in 1993 from the University of Kentucky at Lexington as a Professor and Extension Swine Specialist. His work with the University spanned 23-1/2 years.

Harold Workman, President of the Kentucky State Fair Board and founding manager of the North American International Livestock Exposition, announced Dr. Liptrap’s Vision Award at a NAILE management banquet in Louisville. “Denny’s leadership and influence on growth and development of the NAILE’S Junior Market Swine Shows has been a milestone in that specie’s show development,” said Mr. Workman. Dr. Liptrap has been the North American International Junior Swine Show Superintendent since 1977, and he continues that service today.

When presenting the award to Dr. Liptrap, Harold Workman explained that the Newell G. Hicks Vision Award is presented as a memorial to the NAILE’s first – and long-time – veterinarian, who served from 1974 until his death in 1992. The Newell G. Hicks Vision Award is given to only one individual each year as a signal of outstanding service to the world’s largest purebred livestock exposition.

Under the expert guidance of Dr. Liptrap, the Junior Market Swine Show at the NAILE has become a premier event that attracts youngsters 21-years-old and under from throughout the United States. Youth competition in the youth Swine Shows also includes the sale of the Junior Markets Swine Show’s Champion and Reserve Champion in the expo’s Sale of Champions. Thousands of dollars are paid for top champs in that gala youth auction.

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In addition to Dr. Liptrap's service to the North American International, to farm organizations in his Jessamine County home area, and to higher education, he is also a leading business man in the swine industry.

Denny is President of IPKY, a pig producing operation in Nelson County, Kentucky, and he is also the Swine Nutritionist for RALCO Nutrition of Marshall, Minnesota.

When accepting the Vision Award, Dr. Liptrap said he enjoys personal and professional rewards that come from working with young people who are learning their early lessons in the swine industry. "The appearance of young people in the show rings at the North American International is akin to wearing your Sunday best clothes," said Liptrap, noting that youth have prepared their swine entries and their personal showmanship skills to be among the best when they appear in the show ring.

"Youth showmanship activities teach young people the skills, grace and courtesy that is needed to succeed in any business," said Dr. Liptrap.

Dr. Liptrap's Vision Award from the North American International follows on the heels of Denny's induction into the University of Kentucky Agricultural Hall of Fame last year.

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### **Past Recipients – Newell G. Hicks Vision Award**

**1992 – Garland Bastin**

**1993 – Dean Hurlbut**

**1994 – Roy D. Gibson**

**1995 – Claude L. Brock**

**1996 – Larry Legg**

**1997 – Linda Martin**

**1998 – Jack Ragsdale**

**1999 – Doug Shepherd**

**2000 – Jimmie Claycomb**

**2001 – Cecil Goodlett**

**2002 – Jean Callaghan**

**2003 – Chuck Grove**

**2004 – David Sparrow**

**2005 – Bill Turnquist**

**2006 – David Snider**

**2007 – Dr. John Moran**

**2008 – Dr. John Johns**

**2009 – Dr. Ted Katsigianis**

**2010 – Hayden Timmons**

**2011 – Dr. Dennis Liptrap**