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2006: Foundation funds new CHS Miracle of Birth and FFA Center
2006: Coliseum re-named for Lee and Rose Warner
2006: Foundation partners with Minnesota Historical Society on MN150 launch
2006: Historic greenhouse residence restored and named J.V. Bailey House
2007: Foundation funds the new Supreme Champion Beef & Dairy shows
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2009: Redesign of Moo Booth, creating an updated venue for agricultural education