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## **Livestock Handling Specialist to Speak in Alberta**

Internationally renowned livestock handling specialist, Dr. Temple Grandin, will be speaking in three locations in Alberta:

- Monday, June 7 in **Lethbridge** at the Ag Canada Centre;
- Tuesday, June 8 in **Fairview** at Fairview College;
- Wednesday, June 9 in **Vermilion** at Lakeland College.

**All sessions start at 7:00 pm.** The sessions are approved by Alberta Veterinary Medical Association as continuing education credits for veterinarians and AHT's. **They are also open to the public.** A registration fee of \$10 will be charged at the door. No need to advance register.

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn from Dr. Grandin how animals react to fear, pain and stress to improve your ability to safely handle livestock. Dr. Grandin will also address how proper handling, livestock genetics and handler and management attitude are key to improving productivity, quality and profitability in today's livestock businesses.

While in Alberta, Dr. Grandin will also be meeting with livestock welfare researchers and the management and staff of several meat processing and livestock handling facilities in Alberta. "Our industry is always seeking ways to improve and they welcome the opportunity for direct input and ideas from Dr. Grandin", reports Susan Church, Alberta Farm Animal Care Association (AFAC) Manager.

Dr. Grandin is Assistant Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University, Auditor Trainer and Scientific Advisor to McDonalds and Burger King and designer of livestock handling facilities used throughout North America.

AVMA and AFAC, representing Alberta's livestock industry promoting responsible animal care, are jointly sponsoring the sessions and industry meetings.

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