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## **New AFAC Board Executive**

The Alberta Farm Animal Care Association's board members elected executive officers, following the group's AGM, March 31, 2005.

- **David Hyink**, from Ponoka, was elected **chairman**. He has represented the chicken producers on AFAC's board for two years. He is also director on the board of Alberta Chicken Producers, is chairman of this organization's Research Committee and is on the Intensive Livestock Working Group. Dave runs a broiler operation with his family in Ponoka. Contact: (403) 783-3945.
- **Duane Landals** is **vice-chairman**. Duane represents the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) on AFAC's board. He is Registrar for AVMA, has been a rural practitioner for over 25 years is owner of a veterinary practice at Morinville, is past president of CVMA and is the Canadian delegate to the World Veterinary Association. Contact (780) 489-5007.
- **June Conrad**, from Hondo, joins Dave and Duane on AFAC's **executive**. June is a Zone 7 delegate for Alberta Beef Producers (ABP), a member of the Public Affairs Committee for ABP and has been on the AFAC board for 3 years. She and her family have a Simmental/Angus cross cattle operation. June is active in her community with the Smith 4H Beef and Horse clubs, the Environmental Farm Plan Peer Review Committee and is a panel member for Human Resources for the Athabasca area. Contact (780) 829-3854.

The **Directors-at-Large** on AFAC's board, representing AFAC's Active Membership are: **Jim Abel** of Stettler Auction Mart and President of the **Alberta Auction Markets Association** and **Dr. Craig Wilkinson**, Director of Animal Care, **University of Alberta**.

All three AFAC board executives represent AFAC on the **Alberta Livestock Protection System (ALPS) Management Group**. ALPS is a working partnership of AFAC, representing the livestock industry, the provincial government (Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development), and the Alberta SPCA representing the public concern for animal welfare.

The AFAC executive also represents AFAC on the Alberta/Canada Livestock Welfare Research Partnership.

Formed in 1993, AFAC has a broad membership including livestock organizations, individual producers, processors, veterinarians and associated agri-businesses. Through AFAC, the livestock industry of Alberta works together to:

- promote responsible animal care;
- talk with the public about today's animal agriculture;
- participate in issues and legislation affecting livestock care;
- encourage relevant research.

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