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New Board Executive and New Board Members

Calgary, Alta, May 5, 2006. The Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) Association is pleased to announce two new organizations to its board. They are the **Alberta Auction Markets Association (AAMA)** as a permanent board member, and the **Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF)** as a Director-at-Large.

“Our organization has been an AFAC active member since 1993. We recognize the value of providing regular input to AFAC’s board and feedback to our members on livestock care issues and as a result requested full voting participation on AFAC’s board,” says Jackie Sawley, AAMA’s representative to AFAC. “We look forward to working with AFAC and Alberta’s livestock industry to advance responsible horse care,” says Pat Barriage, Executive Director of AEF. AEF is a new active member of AFAC and will participate on the board as a Director-at-Large for two years.

The other Director-at-Large on AFAC’s board, representing AFAC’s Active Membership is Dr. Craig Wilkinson, the University of Alberta’s Director of Animal Care.

AFAC’s board members elected executive officers following the Annual Meeting, March 23, 2006.

- **David Hyink** was re-elected **chairman**. He has represented the chicken producers on AFAC’s board for three 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** was re-elected **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.
- **Ken Jackson**, from Castor, joins Dave and Duane on AFAC’s executive. Ken represents Alberta Pork. He is a director for Alberta Pork and is chair of its Animal Care and Health Committee. He and his family have a farrow-to-finish hog and grain farm. Contact (403) 882-4032.

The executive represents AFAC on the **Alberta Livestock Protection System (ALPS) Management Group**. ALPS is a working partnership of AFAC, representing the livestock industry, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and the Alberta SPCA representing the public concern for animal welfare. The executive also represents AFAC on the Alberta/Canada Livestock Welfare Research Partnership.

Formed in 1993, AFAC’s membership includes livestock organizations, individual producers, processors, veterinarians and associated agri-businesses. Through AFAC, the livestock industry of Alberta works together to:

- advance responsible animal care;
- talk with the public about today’s animal agriculture;
- track issues and participate in policies and regulatory changes affecting livestock care;
- encourage relevant research.