

18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Fence Lines *to* Corporate Board Rooms

DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2009

Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon SK



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Keeping current with the ever-changing advancements in animal welfare requires constant vigilance. As you participate in this popular 'Fence Lines to Corporate Board Rooms' conference, you will gain insights, explore new techniques and hear some of the most visionary thinkers.

In preparing for our 18th Annual Conference, the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan has ensured fresh ideas and new concepts will be presented alongside the lessons learned from past and recent events.

From the perspective of our provincial government regarding animal welfare; to the unwanted horses issue in the USA and consumer influences on the farm; this conference promises to enlighten, educate and inspire.

The Panel Session will be particularly informative in that participants have firsthand knowledge and experience to share about the implications of H1N1; Avian Influenza and issues related to contaminated feed; as well as the regulatory requirements of our industry.

Our closing address features an inspiring speaker, recognized globally for his brilliance and creativity, to share the experience of the timber industry and what agriculture can learn from forestry!

Thank you for being part of this special conference, as we ensure healthy animal agriculture remains our number one proposition.



Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. is a membership based, not-for-profit organization that represents the livestock industry in advancing responsible care and handling practices in agriculture. FACS endeavors to raise producer awareness of the economic and ethical benefits of animal welfare and help consumers achieve a greater understanding of animal care issues.

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· **Agenda** ·

DECEMBER 9, 2009

7:30 p.m.

FACS Annual General Meeting

Wine and Cheese Reception to follow

DECEMBER 10, 2009

Program Chair: Mr. Kevin Hursh

8:00 a.m.

Registration Desk Open

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Tim Wiens, FACS Chair

9:15 a.m.

**Government of Saskatchewan Committed to
Animal Care**

*Hon. Bob Bjornerud, Saskatchewan Minister
of Agriculture*

9:40 a.m.

**The Unwanted Horse Issue in the United States
and its Implications**

sponsored by NAERIC

*Dr. Tom Lenz, Chair, Unwanted Horse Coalition,
Louisburg, KS*

10:30 a.m. Networking Break

11:00 a.m.

**How Customer Expectations Can Impact How You
Perform Your Daily Chores**

*Dr. Mike Siemens, Leader – Animal Welfare and
Husbandry, Cargill Animal Protein, Wichita, KS*

11:45 Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness: Lessons Learned

*H1N1: John LaClare, Business Advisor and Former
President & CEO, Big Sky Farms, Saskatoon, SK*

*Avian Influenza: Clinton Monchuk, CEO, Chicken
Farmers of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK*

*Contaminated Feed: Kim Redden, Feed Program
Specialist, CFIA, Winnipeg, MB*

Panel to Follow

2:00 p.m.

With Vision, There is Hope

*Mr. Bruce Vincent, Partner & Consultant,
Environomics, Libby, MT*

3:30 p.m.

Closing Comments

Hon. Bob Bjornerud

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Bob Bjornerud was born in Kelvington and was raised in Saltcoats. He spent much of his youth working with his father on the farm before beginning a career in mining with International Minerals and Chemicals in Esterhazy.

In 1974, Mr. Bjornerud returned to the farm in Saltcoats, operating a mixed operation. He became an active participant in the small town of 540 people and his passion for sports led him to get involved in the local hockey and baseball teams, as well as curling. At the organization level, Mr. Bjornerud helped to build the ice rink and curling rink in Saltcoats, and served as the president of the local curling club.

His love for life in rural Saskatchewan eventually led him to involvement in local politics and governance. Mr. Bjornerud served as a councillor in the Rural Municipality of Saltcoats for seven years and then as Reeve of the R.M. for another seven years.

In 1995, he was elected to the Legislature to represent the Saltcoats constituency (now the Melville-Saltcoats constituency). His farm roots have fostered a keen interest in working with Saskatchewan's agriculture sector to capture new opportunities for growth.

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John LaClare has spent his entire working career in Agriculture. Over the last fourteen years John has held senior management positions with Big Sky Farms Inc. and the Heartland Group of Companies.

John joined Big Sky Farms in 2003 as their general manager of Production, a position he left in 2006. John rejoined Big Sky in 2008 where he held the position of President and CEO. Big Sky operates 47 production facilities housing 43,000 sows and producing over 900,000 market hogs annually.

John has also held board executive positions with a number of industry and community organizations including The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan, Canadian Western Agribition, Pound-Maker Adventures, The Medicine Hat Feeding Company and the Western Beef Development Centre.

Experience Summary:

On May 2, 2009 the CFIA confirmed that the H1N1 Influenza A had been found on a single hog farm in western Canada and that they had quarantined the herd. Immediately flags went up across the country and internationally. The news raised questions about the spread of the virus, the impact on trade, the health of employees and the safety of our product. Within hours of the announcement Big Sky Farms moved to reinforce and strengthen its biosecurity protocols, a step that proved fortuitous in the months ahead.

On July 7th the organization was notified that the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture were holding a press conference that afternoon to announce that a "novel non-pandemic influenza A" had been detected in two hog workers in a large operation in eastern Saskatchewan. The hours and weeks that followed required quick, decisive and collaborative action.

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During his 34-year veterinary career, Dr. Lenz has worked in private equine practice, academia, and corporate business. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Missouri's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Lenz became a Diplomate in the American College of Theriogenologists in 1986 and received a Master of Science degree in equine reproduction from Texas A&M University in 1988.

Active in the equine industry, Dr. Lenz is a Past President of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) and currently serves on the President's Advisory Board, the Public Policy Committee and the Foundation Advisory Committee. He is a trustee of the American Horse Council and serves on its Horse Welfare Committee. He is also the Chair of the Unwanted Horse Coalition as well as a member of the Professional Cowboy's Association Animal Welfare Committee. In addition, he is an Honorary Vice President of the American Quarter Horse Association where he is Chair of its Research Committee and writes a monthly horse health column for the Quarter Horse Journal.

Dr. Lenz will address the Unwanted Horse Issue in the United States and the effect it has had on the horse industry and equine welfare. Pending Federal legislation and the results of the Unwanted Horse Coalition's survey will also be discussed.

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Clinton Monchuk grew up on a mixed dairy, beef and grain family farm outside of Lanigan, Saskatchewan. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture majoring in agricultural economics from the University of Saskatchewan in 2000. After working with the Toronto Dominion Bank he returned to school to pursue a Master of Business Administration degree in Agriculture from the University of Guelph. Upon completion in 2002 Clinton conducted research and taught at the Universidad de Guadalajara, in Guadalajara, Mexico. Following his interest in the livestock industry he then worked with the Western Beef Development Centre as a Beef Economist. Clinton then accepted an Economic Fellowship position with the National Farmers Union in Washington, DC working on trade related aspects of policy development for American farmers and ranchers. This experience allowed him to become the Director of Trade Policy for the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Ottawa. In 2007, Clinton and his wife, Laura, moved to Saskatoon where he accepted his current role as Chief Executive Officer for the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Hatching Egg Producers. Clinton and Laura continue to be active partners on their family farms in Saskatchewan and southeastern Oklahoma. Clinton and Laura also welcomed the arrival of their first baby boy in November, 2008.

Experience Summary:

Clinton Monchuk, Chief Executive Officer for the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Broiler Hatching Egg Producers, was front and centre during the September, 2007 Avian Influenza (AI) event in the Regina Beach area. From days before the AI case was confirmed to months after, the Saskatchewan Poultry Industry Emergency Management Team was essential to communicate accurate and current information and ensure proper protocol was followed. No matter how many practice runs a group takes the only way to fully experience where the holes in your plan are is to deal with an actual case. Clinton will identify what went right, what went wrong and how the Saskatchewan poultry industry is better prepared for any future emergency.

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Kim Redden, MSc, joined the Feed Division of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in 2005 as a program specialist for the western area. In addition to providing regulatory and policy guidance to inspection staff and the feed industry throughout the western area, she was the lead feed investigator for each of the BSE cases identified between 2005 and 2008, as well as for the feed contamination incident that occurred in Saskatchewan in 2007.

She is currently relocating to Ottawa where her focus will be assisting in the development of national policy concerning feed manufacturing controls and emergency response.

Prior to joining CFIA, she worked as an animal nutritionist in the feed industry for 12 years.

Ms. Redden's presentation will address emergency preparedness in the context of the feed contamination event that occurred in Saskatchewan in 2007, effectiveness of feed recalls, regulatory requirements for on-farm record keeping, and mitigating costs.

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Dr. Siemens obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in 1983 and his Master of Science degree and PhD from the University of Missouri in 1990. Following his time at the University of Missouri he was a Nutrition Consultant with DeKalb Feeds located in the mid-west. In 1991 Dr. Siemens took a faculty position with the University of Wisconsin as their State Beef Cattle Specialist. Following his 10 years at the UW he then took a position with Smithfield Foods, Inc. as their Director of Cattle Development and subsequently moved into the position of Director of Integrated Meat Technology. From 2004 – 2006 Dr. Siemens was the Chairman of the American Meat Institute Animal Welfare Committee. In 2006 Dr. Siemens and his family moved to Wichita, KS where he took a position with Cargill as their Beef Program Development Director.

Dr. Siemens will address the current animal welfare expectations that our food service and retail customers have for their suppliers and the entire supply chain.

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Bruce Vincent is a third generation logger from Libby, Montana. Bruce helped form and is currently serving as President of Communities For A Great Northwest, Executive Director of Provider Pals and is co-owner of Environomics.

Bruce speaks throughout the United States and the world, has testified on resource issues before Congress and has appeared on several news programs such as "60 Minutes." Bruce has been named Timberman of the Year in Montana, National Forest Activities of the Year, received the Agri-Women's 2007 Veritas Award, and in 2004 received the inaugural Presidential Preserve America Award from President Bush.

Bruce has been married to his wife Patti Jo for over 30 years and has four children, two sons-in-law, and two grandchildren. His current activities represent a family commitment to responsible environmentalism.

Mr. Vincent's presentation will address the issue of the social license necessary to operate a natural resource or animal husbandry company. Drawing on examples from his own industry, Mr. Vincent will explain how the timber industry lost that license, the lessons we can learn from that loss, and what has been done (that we can duplicate) in turning the ship around. "We are now getting our 'social license' back – but only after we figured out the difference between fighting and leading."

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