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Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.

Fall 2001 Program Update

Representing the livestock industry in advancing responsible animal care in agriculture

Trends in Animal Welfare, Find What the Future Holds at the FACS 10th Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the FACS 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference, to take place at Saskatoon's Ramada Hotel. The AGM is scheduled for Thursday January 10, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. followed by a wine and cheese reception. The Conference will take place on Friday January 11, 2002, beginning with registration at 7:30 a.m. The 2002 conference, "Trends in Animal Welfare: What the Future Holds," promises to cover a wide range of topics, including consumer expectations regarding animal welfare, managing animal rights, the integrity of youth livestock shows and animal welfare in the global economy, and more. The conference features several well-respected speakers, including:

- Dr. David Fraser, Professor in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and the Centre for Applied Ethics, University of British Columbia
- Nancy Lidster, DNL Consulting Services
- Dr. Harold Gonyou, Research Scientist in Ethology, the Prairie Swine Centre Inc.
- Alan Herscovici, Vice-President, Fur Council of Canada
- Michael Bradley, Assistant General Manager, Competitive Program for the California Exposition and State Fair
- Dr. John Church, Animal Welfare Specialist, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

During the conference, FACS will host an auction, with proceeds going to programs such as "Camp Animal Tracks," a one-week, farm-animal, day-camp for children ages 9 to 12. FACS introduced "Camp Animal Tracks" in July 2001 to provide children with a fun, safe, educational and interactive opportunity to learn more about farm animals. If you would like to donate an item for the event, (minimum value of \$50) please contact FACS by phone at 306-249-3227 by January 7, 2002.

Early bird conference registration is only \$85.60 (including GST) for those who register by January 4, 2002 and \$37.45 (including GST) for students, and includes breakfast and lunch. The Annual General Meeting as well as the wine and cheese reception are complimentary to those who register. Please complete the form on page two and send it to FACS along with your full payment. For more information, contact the FACS office by phone at 306-249-3227, by fax at 306-244-4497, by email at facs@sk.sympatico.ca, or look online at www.facs.sk.ca/events.htm.

Thanks to our conference sponsors: Ambulatory Clinic (WCVM), Canadian Western Agribition, Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan, Co-op Feed Division of Federated Co-operatives Ltd., Elanco Animal Health, Genex Swine Group, Heartland Livestock Services, Intervet Canada, Lilydale Cooperative Limited, Mitchell's Gourmet Food Inc., NAERIC, Regina Exhibition Association, Sask Pork, Saskatchewan Livestock Markets and Order Buyers Assoc., Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corp., Saskatoon Processing Co., Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions, Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Assoc., Saskatchewan Egg Producers, Saskatchewan Milk Producers Association Inc., SPI Marketing Group Inc., and VIDO.

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The FACS Partnership with Saskatchewan Agriculture & Food . . . an Activity Update

In mid-August, the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) announced a new partnership with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food on two new projects, an Animal Care Award and an Animal Care Speakers Bureau. Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food will contribute \$70,000 over two years to FACS to implement these two one-of-a-kind projects.

The Animal Care Award is targeted at university students in the colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. To qualify for a \$1,000 award, students must develop and deliver a public presentation on key animal care issues and trends facing one of six livestock sectors (pork, beef, poultry, dairy, equine and game farm animals). The second program involves setting up an Animal Care Speakers Bureau to help provide provincial livestock commodity organizations with an opportunity to access funding for quality speakers on animal care issues. To date, both programs have been very successful. There has been a great deal of interest from students in the Animal Care Award and all funds budgeted for the Animal Care Speakers Bureau for 2001 have been allocated.

The following organizations have taken advantage of the Animal Care Speakers Bureau program: Saskatchewan Horse Federation, Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association, Saskatchewan Sheep Marketing Board, University of Saskatchewan Stockman's Club, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corp., Saskatchewan Dairy Association, Agricultural Diversification and Development Board, and the Saskatchewan Poultry Council.

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Registration Information:

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Are you planning to attend the FACS Annual General Meeting? yes no

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The Second Annual Stock Person's School

FACS is pleased to present the second annual Stock Person's School, scheduled for May 2, 2002 at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. A joint project of FACS and the University of Saskatchewan, the school addresses specific issues relevant to pasture riders and stock growers. The tentative agenda is as follows:

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Suddenly Found Dead, Dr. Eugene Janzen
- 9:15 a.m. Where Cows and Burrowing Owls Roam, Dr. Joe Schmuttz
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Precision Ranching, Dr. Mick Price
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Relationship of Confirmation to Lameness, Dr. Peter Fretz
- 2:00 p.m. Proper Saddle Fit, Dr. Trish Dowling
- 2:45 p.m. What's Wrong with My Cow? Dr. Chris Clark
- 3:30 p.m. Cows and Contagion - The Biosecurity Issue, Dr. John Campbell

Thanks to our sponsors Merial Canada Inc., Schering Plough and United Molasses. To register, complete the form below. For more information, contact FACS by phone at 306-249-3227, by fax at 306-244-4497, by email at facs@sk.sympatico.ca, or look online at www.facs.sk.ca/events.htm.

Stock Person's School Registration

Full payment must accompany registration. Mail to: FACS, 502-45th Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7L 6H2.

Registration Information:

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch. Registration includes GST. Early Bird Registration is \$96.30 by April 24, 2002 and \$112.35 after. Students are \$42.80 prior to April 24, 2002 and \$112.35 after. Host hotel is the Ramada, 1-800-667-6500 (\$75.00 plus tax per night).

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Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.
502-45th Street West, 2nd Floor, Saskatoon, SK S7L 6H2

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A New Horse Program for 4-H Members

Now, there's a way to take the 4-H Light Horse Program a step further . . . it's called the Saskatchewan 4-H Young Horse Development Project (YHDP). The YHDP provides a way for intermediate and senior 4-H members to showcase skills learned through 4-H's Light Horse Program, while spotlighting the high quality of stock bred and raised on Saskatchewan equine ranches. The YHDP is a partnership between the Saskatchewan Equine Ranching Association (SERA), an affiliate of the Kentucky-based North American Equine Ranching Information Council (NAERIC), FACS and 4-H Saskatchewan.

Through YHDP, participating SERA ranchers offer young stock for 4-H members to inspect, select, purchase, raise and train. In turn, intermediate and senior 4-H members have the opportunity to:

- take the responsibility of caring for and training a foal for two years
- learn the importance of accurate record keeping and understand how to apply responsible animal management
- see the quality of horses available from SERA members
- remain active in 4-H
- develop public speaking skills
- learn real-life skills such as responsibility and goal-setting

Here's how it works . . . To apply, YHDP participants must be 13 years of age as of December 31, 2001 and registered as either an intermediate or senior member of a Saskatchewan Light Horse 4-H Program. The application deadline is April 1, 2002 and participants will be notified by June 1, 2002 if selected. Applicants will be selected on the basis of age, experience, capabilities and participation in 4-H.

Selected applicants will purchase a foal (\$800 for a registered animal and \$400 for a grade) from one of the participating SERA ranches. The rancher receives half the sale amount and the remaining half of the funds are placed in an Enhancement Fund. This Fund will be paid to participating 4-H members over the next two years based on participation in yearling and two-year-old showcases, as well as the successful completion of the project record-book and a 2-5 minute oral presentation. A showcase for the yearlings and two-year-olds will be held in fall 2002 (exact time and location to be determined).

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Congratulations to Dr. Eugene Janzen, immediate Past President of FACS who received the "Veterinarian of the Year" Award at the recent Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association Annual General Meeting Awards Banquet.

U of S to Host 4-H Intercollegiate Judging Competition

The University of Saskatchewan Stockman's and Rodeo Club is pleased to host the 2002 4-H and Intercollegiate Judging Competition. The event takes place on January 26, 2002, Wheatland B, Prairieland Exhibition Park, Saskatoon. Participants compete with their club or college teams in oral reasons as well as various livestock, grain and mystery judging classes. The 4-H component was first added to the competition last year and met with overwhelming success when over 100 registrations were received. This year, **thanks to the generous support of FACS** and Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, there will be a new luncheon component, featuring Dr. Jeff Goodwin, 4-H and Youth Specialist with the University of Idaho. Dr. Goodwin will speak on "Obligations and Opportunities of Youth Livestock Project Ownership," concluding with "Catch the Can-Do Attitude." If you are interested in purchasing tickets for the luncheon (\$10 each) or registering for the competition, contact Kelly Howe, President of the University of Saskatchewan Stockman's and Rodeo Club, by phone at 306-651-7460, by email at stockmansrodeo@hotmail.com, or look online at rodeouofs.homestead.com/rodeo.html.

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