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Representing the livestock industry in advancing responsible animal care in agriculture

## Fence Lines to Corporate Board Rooms

### FACS Announces New Date for its 12th Annual General Meeting and Conference

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) is pleased to present its 12th Annual General Meeting and Conference, "Fence Lines to Corporate Board Rooms," on a new date. This year's AGM and Conference will take place at Saskatoon's Travelodge Hotel, on December 8 and 9, 2003. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday December 8, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., and the Conference will take place on Tuesday December 9, 2003, with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. A registration form is available on Page 7 of this newsletter.

Public awareness of animal welfare issues is having a major impact on all levels of the value chain, from the producer, to grocery and restaurant chains, through to the consumer. Handling practices, management procedures and housing standards are all being re-examined from a humane standpoint. Many food companies have introduced animal welfare audits to their Quality Assurance protocols, closely linking the issues of food quality, food safety and animal welfare. Along with BSE, animal welfare continues to be one of the top issues for the livestock industry, emphasizing the importance of disseminating information through forums such as the FACS annual conference.

The prestigious lineup of speakers for the conference includes:

- Dr. Bernard Rollin, Professor of Philosophy, Animal Sciences and Biomedical Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO will discuss "Animal Production and Emerging Social Ethics for Animals"
- Dr. Chris Clark from the University of Saskatchewan, Mr. Bruce King of Saskatoon Processing Co., Mr. Donn Farrer from Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food & Rural Revitalization, and producer Tim Oleksyn of Shellbrook, SK, will come together to form the panel "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Managing Your Recovery: Industry Changes After May 20, 2003"
- Mr. Barney Cosner, Director, Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo, Douglas, WY will examine "What are We Looking at in our Ag Mirror!"
- Mr. Robert D. Sopuck, Vice President, Delta Waterfowl Foundation, Brandon, MB presenting "Animal Rights and Animal Welfare: Implications for Modern Agriculture"
- Dr. Tina Widowski, Associate Professor, Department of Animal and Poultry Science, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON will look at "Auditing Animal Welfare on Farms: What Can We Measure?"
- Mr. Greg Whalley, President, Britco Packers, Langley, BC will finish the day with "What's For Dinner?" a look at safely and humanely raised and slaughtered food

During the conference, FACS will host an auction, with proceeds going to fund various programs that FACS operates. FACS is currently accepting donated items for the auction.

Registration for the FACS conference is only \$85.60 (including GST) if registered before the Early Bird deadline of December 1, 2003 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The Annual General Meeting is complimentary to those who pre-register. For more information, or to register, contact the FACS office by phone at 306-249-3227, by fax at 306-244-4497 or by email at [facs@sasktel.net](mailto:facs@sasktel.net). □

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# Livestock Emergency Response Course

*Submitted by Marilyn Canitz*

*Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan*

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan was fortunate to be able to take part in a very valuable course on responding to livestock emergencies offered by the Alberta Farm Animal Care. The course was developed for AFAC by Jennifer Woods of Reflected J Livestock Consulting, and is geared to provide practical information to Fire Fighters, RCMP, City Police, Special Constables, SPCA, Brand Inspectors, Auction Mart staff, and Truckers. Due to the high number of livestock being hauled on our major highways daily, most of the course centred on highway accidents. To set the stage Ms. Woods presented the statistics that on any given day 21,983 cattle, 168 horses, 9,900 hogs and 181,000 poultry are trucked across Alberta. One liner rollover could potentially involve 400 feeder hogs.

General and species specific animal behaviour took up much of the morning. Though some of the participants had prior livestock handling experience, many species such as poultry, llama, bison, elk and goats were discussed in length. Ms. Woods' extensive livestock handling background, combined with her education under Dr. Temple Grandin at Colorado State University, gave her a vast insight in behaviour that many people do not possess. Did you know that some of the most dangerous livestock to work with are dairy bulls, bison and elk? Did you know that most animals, if being moved from a wrecked liner at night will move better if the alley way and new trailer are lit up, but that elk will move better if the new trailer is darker than their current surroundings? And, that the animals mostly likely to bite are monogastrics such as pigs, horses, elk and llamas?

In the afternoon, groups toured a livestock transportation liner to see how they are set up to haul various species. Also important to the tour was the time spent discussing troubleshooting different wreck scenarios, and examining the liner for extrication and evacuation routes.

It became obvious that all communities need to have a plan in place and a list of species specific livestock handlers to call in the event of a livestock emergency. As most emergency situations are highway related (rollovers) Ms. Woods recommended all lists contain contact numbers for people with portable corral panels (preferably already disassembled), snowfence (best for poultry), holding or stabling accommodations, and stock trailers. Individuals on the list should include a local brand inspector, large animal veterinarian, cattle producer, swine handler, elk producer, poultry producer, llama breeder, bison producer, and rendering company. When making up an emergency list it is important to contact all people listed to ensure their cooperation; it is possible, as in the case with swine facility personnel, that they will be unable to help because of their own biosecurity reasons. Once the list is completed it needs to be circulated to all fire, police, brand inspection, veterinary and first responder personnel. □

FACS is pleased to inform our members that we will be working with the RCMP Training Depot to further assist in dealing with livestock crisis situations.

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## New Cattle FACS Brochures

Thank you to the Saskatchewan Beef Development Fund for their financial support to FACS with efforts to expand our highly successful Cattle FACS series.

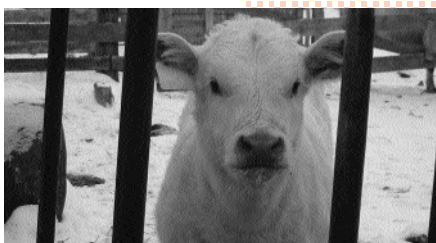
The publications will continue the popular Cattle FACS series, each will be a single message up to approximately 1000 words, with appropriate pictures, tables or diagrams, in simple, easy to understand language.

The messages will be focused on helping livestock producers continue to manage this winter's feed and water shortages and prepare for and cope with future droughts. Species targeted would be beef cattle, horses, sheep, elk, deer and bison, which as extensively raised grazing animals, are most affected by scarcity and quality of water, forage and winter feed. While economics must be a factor, the main purpose of the publications would be animal welfare - minimizing animal stress, preventing malnutrition.

While the number of potential topics would appear limitless, the strategy is to only address critical issues. Flooding the market will only reduce the effectiveness. Examples of critical topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Dealing with Problem Feeds
- Feeding in a Cold Snap
- Water Quality
- Feed Testing and Ration Balancing
- Nitrates in Feed
- Reducing Water Wastage
- Swath Grazing
- Annual Crops for Emergency Grazing
- Body Condition Scoring
- Parasite Control
- Managing Malnourished Animals
- Creep Feeding Calves
- Early Weaning of Calves
- Preserving Damp Grain with Ammoniation
- Feeding Ammoniated Feeds

We also wish to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Madonna Benjamin from Elanco Animal Health who is helping FACS to add to the increasingly popular Pork FACS. □



## FACS Initial Response Support Team "FIRST"

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. was approached by industry organizations to facilitate a process whereby an animal care crisis protocol would be developed and implemented in Saskatchewan.

To this end, FACS is currently working with the industry and government in researching the various options and opportunities. □

### Thank You

... to the Sponsors of the FACS 12th Annual General Meeting and Conference, December 8 and 9, 2003:

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# Saskatchewan Young Horse Development Project

## Kids....Horses....and a Judge!

*Submitted by Jim Pollock & Adele Buettner*

The journey is half over for an accomplished group of young horse enthusiasts who presented their yearlings at the Saskatchewan Young Horse Development Project (SK YHDP) Showcase at the Golden Mile Arena in Moose Jaw. On Sunday August 24th, there were 27 winners at the event where there was no exam or group competition..... just kids, horses and a judge!!

The SK YHDP has a unique format where the participant is judged against a set of criteria and rewarded based on their own score. Each and every one of them a winner!! Judging by their performance, the horse industry is in good hands.

This is the first year for the project in Saskatchewan. The participants proudly and very capably presented their yearlings, purchased as foals from equine ranchers in the fall of 2002, before Judge Sandy Assman of Grenfell, SK. They have fed, cared for and trained their YHDP over the last year and were excited to show their accomplishments! Next year the same participants and horses will return to Moose Jaw to present their horses under saddle.

Parents had lots of good things to say about the program, Meryle Venaas from Moosomin said *"kids working with animals teach them basic things, like responsibility and respect and that relates back to people."* Brenda Clarke from Hudson Bay said *"being in the program brought a lot of confidence and experience to my daughter."*

Participants began arriving on Saturday afternoon in preparation for the program on Sunday. The barn was a buzz as registration took place, stall decorations were put up, and horses were washed and groomed and put up for the night in anticipation of an early morning. The participants were excited and prepared for the various elements of the showcase and chatter and laughter could be heard from every corner of the barn!!

Each element of the Showcase ran concurrently which provided the participants and their families with a full program. The first presentation began at 8:00 a.m. with each participant presenting their animal before the judge demonstrating both showmanship and lunging skills. Each

demo took approximately 10 minutes with the last one wrapping up the day at about 2:00 p.m. This portion of the project carried the highest point value worth 250 points. At 10:00 a.m. public speaking began where every participant delivered a 'welfare' related presentation. While that was all taking place, 3 judges were tucked away in a meeting room judging the excellent work books that was also a requirement of the program. The challenging record book was worth 50 points with marks for overall presentation, completeness, neatness and accuracy. It was obvious many hours of work had gone into keeping good records.

The speaking portion of the showcase was worth 50 points. Again, the two judges were very impressed with the overall confidence, knowledge and presentation skills of the group! As topics provided were focused on various welfare related issues, it was great to see our provinces youth so aware of the importance of responsible animal management.

The Young Horse Development Project is a partnership program between the Saskatchewan Equine Ranching Association (SERA), the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan (FACS) and the North American Equine Ranching Information Council Inc. (NAERIC) with financial support from Fort Dodge, Masterfeeds and The Barn Supply Co. Ltd. One of our sponsors, Garth Wright of Masterfeeds was on hand all day and actively took part as a volunteer, stated: "It's great to support the provinces youth who have been given a unique opportunity to choose good horses from a large number of equine ranching farms and to see the kids do a good job!!"

Each participant received a tote bag of goodies compliments of FACS, a vaccination record from Dr. Rick Omer and a Horse Industry Handbook compliments of NAERIC. In addition, a professional photographer, Linda Hales took photos of each horse as they completed their presentation.

A one-day clinic for both this group of YHDP members and the group that signed up for the 2003-2005 project was held on November 15, 2003. Please see Page 6 for further information.

**" I was impressed by  
the knowledge that  
the kids have."**

**John King  
SERA President  
FACS Board Member**



## Aquaculture Welfare Issues

*Submitted by Aaron Strauss  
2002-2003 Animal Care Award Recipient  
From the College of Agriculture  
University of Saskatchewan*

The aquaculture industry is in its infancy. Because of this many people are unaware of the welfare issues that are unique to the industry. The welfare issues will grow with the industry. Aquaculture production is predicted to increase by 200% in the next ten years. Feed production directed towards the aquaculture industry will increase by 300% in the same time period. In 1995, aquaculture had a 3% market share of the total global feed market. This is expected to increase to 12% by 2010.

One could ask why the aquaculture industry should be concerned with welfare. First, there is increased international attention concerning the welfare of farmed animals in general. Consumer demand for product produced without any animal suffering is increasing. Most importantly to the producer, healthy, happy animals are productive animals, and there are financial incentives for producers to achieve and maintain high levels of animal welfare in their operations.

Environmental quality is a major welfare concern in the industry. Water temperature is an important component of this. Aquatic species vary greatly in the optimum temperatures under which they thrive. Inattention to this means distress to the fish from excessive heat or cold, depending on species. Fish require their oxygen to be in solution with the water and in a closed recirculation aquaculture system, low oxygen levels can cause problems. An adequate oxygenation system must be in place to provide adequate levels of oxygen to the fish. Some fish species are incompatible because of differences in the evolutionary development of their digestive systems. Some fish are carnivorous, some are omnivorous, and some are completely herbivorous. Therefore, care must be given when stocking the operation so that all species can survive the feeding regimen, and survive each other!

Another water quality issue is pollution from the by-products of life. Since waste products of metabolism are deposited directly into the water, these products, which include ammonia, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide, must not be allowed to build up to toxic levels that will poison the fish.

When transporting fish, they must not be crowded in containers at levels greater than 100 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Above this level, the water becomes depleted of oxygen and the fish begin to suffocate.

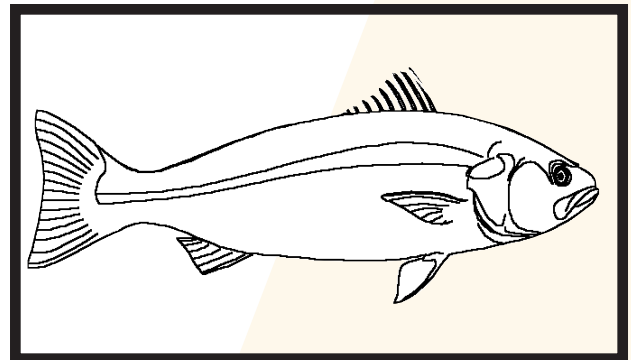
Predation by seals or otters in outdoor coastal systems and from birds in inland systems can be a problem. This is a major source of stress causing both suppression of appetite and an increased susceptibility to infectious disease.

In order to adequately maintain a high level of welfare, the animals must be kept free of disease. Proactive methods are more rewarding than reactive methods. Preventative methods include management practices such as quarantine, stocking rate control, and appropriate site selection and pen spacing to prevent outbreaks of infectious disease. Reactive consists of antibiotic medication to control occasional outbreaks of disease.

The practice of anesthesia is common in modern aquaculture. It is done for three reasons. These are the prevention of stress, to maintain carcass quality, and to increase the ease of handling for humane slaughter. There is however, a major concern because of the potential for overdose. The anesthetic drug is added directly to the water and there is a fine line between the correct dose and an overdose.

The humane slaughter of animals is a major issue in all-animal agriculture. The aquaculture industry is no different. Methods used include clubbing, which, if done improperly, can cause more harm than good. Therefore, this is a poor method of slaughter. A better method is CO<sub>2</sub> immersion where the fish are stunned in water that is highly saturated with CO<sub>2</sub> and are then taken directly to the processing line to be bled out. Another method is electrical stunning. This involves passing an electrical current through the fish to render it insensible, and the fish is then directly taken to the processing line to be bled out.

Simply put - animal welfare makes sense. Happy fish are productive fish and producers wanting to maximize the efficiency of their operation must be concerned with the welfare of the fish. □



## Horse Care Clinic Attracts Attendees From Across Saskatchewan and Abroad

The Saskatchewan Young Horse Development Project Fall Clinic was held at the Moose Jaw Golden Mile Arena on Saturday November 15, 2003. This clinic was open to the public with a \$10.00 registration fee and is free for YHDP members.

The day started with Dr. Grant Royan from Novartis located in Regina. He gave a very informative presentation on nutrition for yearlings and two-year-olds. The morning concluded with Saddle Fitting: Western and English, a demonstration by Ms. Laurie Sawatzky of Port Lewis Saddle Fit System from Edmonton, Alberta.

The afternoon focused on the performance of the horse and handler. We are pleased that Ms. Sherry Clemens from Moose Jaw was able to assist with our clinic again this year. She did two demonstrations, Presentation Appearance for the Horse and Handler and From Lungeing to Riding...what steps to take.

The Clinic was well attended by our YHDP participants. The presenters did an excellent job and were all well received from those in attendance.

We were particularly pleased to have two registrants from the Netherlands. □

## Twelve Years Of “FACS”

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan was established in 1992 and was initially known as the Foundation for Animal Care in Saskatchewan. Throughout its history FACS has always been an industry supported, non-profit organization. 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. Over this time FACS has been involved in many facets of the livestock industry by promoting education, working with the media, developing youth programs and sitting on various boards and committees.

**Education** - FACS maintains a library of videos and publications that are available for loan. This library houses information on correct handling techniques,

transportation requirements, animal welfare and activities of the animal rights movements. FACS has held various conferences and seminars such as the Stockperson's School, our annual conference, a free BSE information session, and a Pork handling school. The Stockperson's School and the annual conference are annual events.

**Youth** - Canadian Western Agribition is a great place to meet children and their families. Every year FACS participates in the Agri-Ed display, which targets Grades 4-8, and presents their ever-popular FACS Trivia Game. With the support from Saskatchewan Education, FACS has developed an activity booklet, The Really Remarkable Animal Farm, for children aged 6 - 8 years. It is currently in its second printing. In cooperation with Saskatchewan Agriculture. In the past FACS has been involved in children's camps Camp Zoolapaloosa and Camp Animal Tracks. FACS is currently involved with older youth in the Young Horse Development Program (ages 13 - 21 years) and The Animal Care Award (University of Saskatchewan, Colleges of Agriculture, Education and Veterinary Medicine).

**Industry Involvement** - FACS has been active on the Boards of many organizations. Currently FACS is represented on the Board of Directors for Agriculture in the Classroom (Sask) Inc. and serves on the Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in an Advisory capacity. As well, FACS is an active member of the ADF Animal Production and Animal BioTechnology Strategic Research Program Committee, the Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Animal Health and Humane Care and the Canadian Animal Health Coalition's Welfare Slaughter Committee.

**Media** - In 1998, along with CKCK-TV, FACS produced a 30 second Public Service Announcement saluting partners in responsible animal care. Following that, in 1999, 2000 and 2001 FACS produced four 30 second vignettes promoting the importance of responsible animal management.

Amazingly, this is only a snippet of all that FACS has accomplished in its time. For a more comprehensive overview of FACS activities over the years feel free to call the office and request our brochure, “FACS Working for You.” □

### CHECK OUT THESE INFORMATIVE AND USEFUL WEBSITES:

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continued interest and  
support in FACS.

# Fence Lines to Corporate Board Rooms

## FACS 12th Annual General Meeting Registration Form

December 9 & 10, 2003

- Full payment must accompany registration.
- Make cheques payable to: Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.
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a full-time student

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Registration Information:

- Includes continental breakfast and lunch
- **Early Bird:** \$85.60 (including GST) and \$37.45 (including GST) for students by December 1, 2003
- **After December 1, 2003:** \$112.35 (including GST) for everyone.
- FACS' 12th Annual General Meeting will be held at the Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel on Monday December 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Complimentary Wine and Cheese to follow for those who pre-register.

Will you be attending?  yes  no

## SUPPORT FACS

A membership in FACS holds many benefits, including membership recognition, a quarterly newsletter, notification of special events, access to the FACS library, FACS publications, and much more.

Associate memberships are available for contributions of \$50 to \$199.99 (plus GST). Active (or voting) memberships are available for contributions of \$200 and over (plus GST). Receipts are issued for all contributions. Please complete the form to the right and return it with your contribution to:

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## NEWS MAKERS

... Following a US trend, three Canadian universities (University of Victoria, University of Alberta and McGill) now offer a course in animal law. By year-end 2002 there were 22 American law schools offering animal law courses and 45 law schools with Student Animal Defense groups. Five state bar associations in addition to Washington D.C. now have animal law divisions or committees and five more states are in the process of creating them. A further five regional bar associations have sections or committees. No know Canadian bar associations have created such bodies. Lesli Bisgould who claims to be Canada's only full-time animal rights lawyer and who announced in 2000 she would submit a proposal to various Canadian Universities to establish an "animal rights law course" has begun publishing her own quarterly Animal Law Journal. (Source: FAC's, Ontario Farm Animal Council)

... PETA says it has submitted formal comments on the Agricultural Policy Framework (APF) 'recommending revision and updates to current policies concerning the treatment of Canada's 640 million farmed animals.' In a January 24, 2003 press release, PETA says it is "stunned" by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's exclusion of animal welfare under the APF. PETA is using the public comment opportunity to push its 7-point demands for raising and processing animals. PETA argues that 'most of Canada's farmed animal protection codes are not only voluntary, but allow for some of the most abusive practices, and that the few existing laws to protect animals are not adequately enforced.' The press release follows an earlier PETA email alert urging animal advocates to submit comments.

(Source: FAC's, Ontario Farm Animal Council)

... Money Matters...As reported in the November issue of Animal People, 2001 IRS returns indicate the US animal-related charities maintained their expenditures despite drops in income for some groups. Humane Society of the US (HSUS) reported a budget of \$58.9 million, up from \$50.4 in year 2000. The Animal Legal Defense Fund reported a budget of \$3.4 million up from \$3.1 the previous year. In Defense of Animals reported a budget of \$2.3 million, up from \$1.8 million. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) reported a budget of \$13.5 million down from \$17.7 million the year previous. Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) reported a budget of \$2.9 million up from \$2.5 million. While the Foundation to Support Animal Protection which was set-up by PETA and PCRM in 1999 reported a 2001 budget of \$2.4 million. As in past years the foundation continued to pay the mortgage on the PETA headquarters,

did mailings on behalf of PETA and PCRM and granted PCRM operating funds. Charity Navigator ranks the Foundation 81st out of 82 animal charities it surveyed, while PETA ranks 79th and HSUS ranks 75th. Worth Magazine is also critical, reporting that HSUS had \$65 million in revenues in 2000 but spent less than half (\$29 million) on programs to promote the humane treatment of animals. Of that, \$9.4 million was spent on a joint educational-fundraising effort. HSUS spent 53% of it revenue on fundraising in 2000.

(Source: FAC's, Ontario Farm Animal Council)

... PETA protesters get earful...November 3, 2003; The Telegram (St. John's) Five teenaged girls protesting against animal cruelty outside Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) on Duckworth Street in St. John's Saturday were cited as finding themselves on the defensive when a school teacher took issue with their actions. The story says that a teacher, who didn't want to be identified, said he agreed in principle with the protesters, who are members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), but suggested the fight for human rights should be of greater concern., adding, "Just look at the shoes they're wearing. People were probably paid 50 or 20 cents an hour and are brutalized with savage work conditions." He also noted boycotting KFC would only lead to hardship for local employees, most of whom may not have many opportunities. The story adds that the teacher wasn't the only one questioning the protest. At one point, a motorist blew his horn and screamed, "Get a life! Get a job!" It did little to deter the protesters, however, who stood their ground outside KFC, holding placards, handing out pamphlets and offering passersby samples of "veggie" chicken. (Source: [www.foodsafetynetwork.ca/listservs.htm](http://www.foodsafetynetwork.ca/listservs.htm))



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