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**Animal Care Award**

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) and Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization are pleased to announce the second year of the Animal Care Award.

The Animal Care Award is targeted at University students in the colleges of Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine and Education 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 farmed animals). Nine awards will be available for the 2002-2003 school year.

“This award program will help raise awareness about issues and opportunities regarding the livestock industry and animal care,” says Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS.

In the first year 19 applications were received and reviewed by a four-member judging panel, including Dr. John Patience, Dr. Murray Woodbury, Marilyn Jonas and Shannon Meyers. Topics presented by the students dealt with methods of increasing comfort for dairy cows, to humane castration techniques in the beef industry.

FACS is a membership-based, non-profit organization that provides straightforward information about the way Saskatchewan producers assure quality and safety in the food they supply to world markets. FACS works with producers to provide up-to-date, accurate information on animal welfare so consumers can make informed decisions.

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