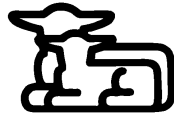


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**The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.  
Announces Scholarship Award Recipients**

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS), in partnership with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, is pleased to announce the first recipients of an innovative new program, the *Animal Care Award*.

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 a specific livestock industry.

“As far as we know, this partnership between government and industry to promote responsible animal care is the first of its kind in Canada,” says Dr. John Patience, one of the award judges and the Vice Chair of FACS. “The Animal Care Award program was developed to increase the awareness of the importance of responsible animal management, and ultimately to have the award recipients act as ambassadors in the community,” he continued.

Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food contributed \$70,000 over two years to FACS to implement the Animal Care Award program as well as a second project, the Animal Care Speakers Bureau.

In total 19 applications were received and reviewed a four-member judging panel, with topics including beef, dairy, swine, poultry, rodeo, equine ranching and specialized livestock. Seven awards were distributed for the 2001-2002 school year. Nine awards will be available for the 2002-2003 school year.

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Award recipients were as follows:

- Janine Nordal, College of Agriculture
- Kymberley McLeod, College of Veterinary Medicine
- Corey Lynn Stadnyk, College of Agriculture
- Greg Penner, College of Agriculture
- Laura F. Smith, College of Agriculture
- Leeanne Bargaen, College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dominique Falconer, College of Veterinary Medicine

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