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**“Stock Person’s School”  
A Unique One-Day Course for the Beef Industry**

FACS, together with the University of Saskatchewan, is pleased to present the third annual “Stock Person’s School,” taking place May 8, 2003 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

“The objective of this school is to address specific issues, relevant to pasture riders and stockgrowers, to improve their knowledge and performance level,” explains Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS. “This unique one-day school will provide interactive opportunities for participants to learn from experts in their industries.”

Along with the many experts who will be speaking on behalf of the University of Saskatchewan, FACS is pleased to present Dr. Temple Grandin, a designer of livestock handling facilities and Associate Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Dr. Grandin has designed livestock handling facilities in United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries with the aim of reducing stress on animals. “In North America, almost half of the cattle in packing plants are handled in a center track restrainer system that she designed,” notes Buettner.

The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration and breakfast. Sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and includes lunch. Registration is only \$112.35 (including GST). For registration information, a complete agenda and a registration form, look online at [www.facs.sk.ca](http://www.facs.sk.ca) under “Events.” For questions, please call Adele Buettner at 306-249-3227.

Thanks to the sponsors of the 2003 Stock Person’s School: Merial Canada Inc., Schering Plough Animal Health, United Molasses and Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization.

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) is a membership-based, non-profit organization that represents the livestock industry in advancing responsible welfare, 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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