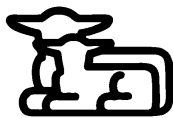


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FARM ANIMAL COUNCIL OF SASKATCHEWAN INC.



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**New Board of Directors
for The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.**

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) is pleased to welcome many new faces to their Board of Directors after their Annual General Meeting held on December 6, 2004 in Saskatoon, the day before their Annual Conference *Fence Lines to Corporate Board Rooms*.

“Our Board has a new look and because of that we have been able to accept more key industry people to the table,” explained Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS. Ms. Buettner explained that earlier in 2004 the FACS Board of Directors and invited industry guests met to strategically look at FACS’ history and take a fresh look at where they wanted the organization to go in the future. “At that Strategic Planning meeting the general consensus was that we needed a connection with more of the animal agriculture industry. Each commodity group has its own needs and huge crises such as BSE, Avian Influenza and CWD have affected many of them. We believe that by changing our bylaws to allow for more Board members will make FACS stronger, with greater depth. Though we exceeded the expectations of our membership with our activities in the past, we feel that this improvement will ensure that we meet the needs of the future.”

In total fourteen people make up the new FACS Board of Directors:

Stewart Stone (Chair)- Heartland Livestock Services

Shannon Meyers (Vice-Chair) - Sask Pork

Mark Silzer - Saskatchewan Bison Association

Royce Reiss - Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association

Alvin Schultz - Dairy Farmers of Saskatchewan

Tim Wiens - O & T Farms Ltd.

Dr. Louise Greenberg - Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food & Rural Revitalization

Jim Teichrob - Saskatchewan Egg Producers

Jeff Stevenson - Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association

Bob Brickley - Saskatchewan Equine Ranching Association

Dr. Murray Woodbury - Diversified Livestock

Dr. Sandra Stephens - Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

Dr. Trish Dowling - Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Inspector Brenda Lucki (Advisor) - RCMP

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