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

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS), in partnership with Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization, is pleased to announce the recipients of an innovative partnership, 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 submitted an article on topical animal care issues which also show economic importance to our province.

“To the best of our knowledge, this partnership between government and industry promoting responsible animal care is the first of its kind in North America,” says Adele Buettner, Executive Director of the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan. “The Animal Care Award program was developed to increase the awareness of the importance of responsible animal management,” she concluded.

Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization contributed \$35,000 for 2003-2004 to implement the Animal Care Award program as well as two other one-of-a kind partnerships, the Animal Care Speakers Bureau and the Animal Care Travel Bursary.

In total 16 applications were received of which seven finalists presented to a four-member judging panel. Based on the quality of both the written articles and the presentations, all seven finalists will receive the \$1000.00 Award.

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Award recipients, all from the College of Agriculture, are as follows:

- Steven Cuddington
- Rebecca Gummesson
- Christa Harder
- Jonathan Leicht
- Shacara Lightbourne
- Ashley Rowland
- Michael Wheeler

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