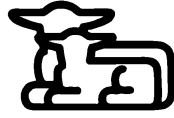


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**The Scientific Perspective on Avian Influenza**

With the recent activities surrounding Avian influenza, (Bird Flu), the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) and the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) are presenting a free Information Session for poultry producers, the general public and the media.

“It’s important the public understand exactly what is happening and source their information from credible resources and sound science. This forum provides an opportunity for the industry to learn from the experts,” says Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS. “We encourage all poultry producers to attend this important event but also welcome the public as well.”

The Information Session will be held Tuesday March 16, 2004, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Room 2302 of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. Free parking is available in parking lot “V.”

A number of experts will be presenting including: Dr. Gomis, Dr. Parker and Dr. Leighton all from the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Sandra Stephens from CFIA and Dr. Steve Whitehead from Saskatoon and District Health Board. The session will be followed by a question/answer period.

Producers interested in additional details may contact FACS at 306-249-3227.

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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# AGENDA

## Avian Influenza

(Asian Bird Flu)

Tuesday March 16, 2004

7:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Room 2302

Western College of Veterinary Medicine  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



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7:00p.m.

Chair: Dr. Joe Stookey - (presentations will be 15 minutes with a q/a period to follow.)

### 7:00p.m.: Welcome - Dr. Stookey

1. Avian Influenza: Global Concerns and the Role of Wild Birds  
Dr. Ted Leighton, Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre,  
University of Saskatchewan
2. What is Avian Influenza?  
Dr. Susantha Gomis, Avian Pathologist, WCVM
3. Regulatory Issues and Food Safety  
Dr. Sandra Stephens, Veterinary Program Specialist Disease Control,  
Animal Health and Production, CFIA
4. Should owners of exotic and pet birds be concerned about AI?  
Dr. Dennilyn Parker, Small Animal Clinician Dealing with Exotics, Avian  
and Wild life.
5. What are the risks to people?  
Dr. Steve Whitehead, Deputy Medical Health Officer  
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