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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 fourth annual “Stock Person’s School,” taking place May 6, 2004 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

“This is a great opportunity for pasture riders, beef producers and others who work within the beef industry to come together,” says Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS. “We have all seen the changes to the industry over the last few years - from a national tagging effort to the devastation caused by the BSE situation. The Stock Person’s School is a forum that allows the beef industry as a whole to keep up-to-date.”

FACS is pleased to have Dr. Chris Clark speaking, an expert on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. Dr. Clark’s specialization is in the field of infectious diseases, and he was present in Great Britain during that country’s BSE crisis. His presentations are always informative and engaging.

Sessions focusing on the CCIA National Tagging program, diagnosing lameness, biosecurity, humane forms of euthanasia, and adapting to changes in the marketplace round out a full day. The school is also an opportunity for people working within the cattle industry, who are often working alone, to come together and network. Participants come away with valuable knowledge and new peer contacts.

The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration and breakfast. Sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 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 2004 Stock Person’s School: AIMS, Kane Veterinary Supplies Ltd., Schering Plough Animal Health, Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization and Westway Feeds.

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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