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BSE Information Session a Success

Producers, academia and government came together on Tuesday September 28, 2004 to update those affected by the BSE crisis on the newly announced targeted surveillance program. The partners involved in this endeavour were the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the Saskatchewan Stock Grower's Association (SSGA), the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN).

"There was a lot of interest from all across the province," said Dennis Fuglerud, 1st Vice President, Saskatchewan Stock Grower's Association, "Obviously, this is very important information for producers, and that was evident in the number of questions generated for the speakers".

FACS was pleased to be able to work with the SSGA, WCVN and CFIA in hosting this informative session. "Our mandate is to provide timely and quality information," said Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS. "I had the opportunity to speak with a variety of participants from both the beef and dairy industry, and I was pleased that they continue to rely on FACS and our partners to provide them with quality information forums."

Many thanks to Dr. Chris Clark from the University of Saskatchewan, who started the session with "BSE - From A to Z", followed by Dr. Darcy Undseth of the CFIA with an overview of the "Targeted Surveillance Program". Thanks also goes to the CFIA who sponsored the pizza supper, the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) who sponsored the first coffee break, and to FACS and Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization (SAFRR) for sponsoring the final coffee break.

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