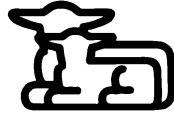


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**“Fence Lines to Corporate Board Rooms”
The FACS 14th Annual General Meeting and Conference**

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) is pleased to present its 14th Annual General Meeting and Conference, “Fence Lines to Corporate Board Rooms,” to take place at the Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on December 13 & 14, 2005.

“Animal welfare continues to be one of the top issues for the livestock industry, emphasizing the importance of disseminating information through many of the FACS programs such as this Annual Conference,” notes Adele Buettner, Executive Director of FACS. “This conference, *Fence Lines to Corporate Board Rooms* has developed a national reputation as the longest running industry driven animal welfare conference in Canada. Traditionally, this conference attracts registrants from across Canada and the United States,” Buettner concludes.

The prestigious lineup of speakers for the conference includes a variety of experts. The morning session will feature:

- Dr. Terry Whiting, Manitoba Agriculture and Food, speaking on, “Should They Stay or Should They Go?”
- Ms. Mary Ellen Walling, Executive Director, BC Salmon Farmers Association, providing a Virtual Salmon Farm Tour,
- Special Agent John Lewis, Federal Bureau of Investigation, who’s presentation is titled, “ Animal Rights Extremism: Violence, Trends and Challenges and How to Work Together.

The afternoon will present a panel of experts all of which have been directly involved in very public campaigns. The panel includes:

- Mr. Norm Luba, Executive Director, North American Equine Ranching Information Council - Louisville, KY
- Ms. Mary Ellen Walling, Executive Director, BC Salmon Farmers Association - Campbell River, BC
- Ms. Leslie Ballentine, Ballentine Communications, Toronto, ON
- Mr. Dave Biesenthal, Beef Producer, Walkerton, ON
- Ms. Lisa Bishop, Chicken Farmers of Canada, Ottawa, ON

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The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 13, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., and the Conference will take place on Wednesday December 14, 2005, with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m.

During the conference, FACS will host an auction, with proceeds going to various FACS programs. FACS is currently accepting donated items for the auction.

Early bird conference registration is only \$125.00 (including GST) for those who register by December 7 2005 and \$65.00 (including GST) for students, and includes breakfast and lunch. The Annual General Meeting is complimentary to those who pre-register.

For more information, or to register, contact the FACS office by phone at 306-249-3227, by fax at 306-244-4497 or by email at facs@sasktel.net.

FACS expresses gratitude to the conference sponsors:

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The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) is a membership-based, non-profit organization that represents the livestock industry in advancing responsible animal 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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