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“Low Stress Handling Workshops a Success”

The two Low Stress Handling Workshops presented by Richard McConnell on March 23 in Saskatoon and March 24 in Regina were very well attended and a huge success.

Richard McConnell has been working extensively with Bud Williams for the past three years learning a lifetime of techniques that have been proven successful to livestock handlers around the globe.

“The industry looks to FACS to provide the most up-to-date information on responsible animal handling and management practices. To this end, we are pleased to work with Richard to offer these two excellent learning opportunities,” reports Adele Buettner, Executive Director, FACS. “Participants traveled from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and provided very positive feedback and are already asking when we will hold another such seminar,” concludes Buettner

“This was the first low stress livestock handling school I have presented in Canada, and I would like to thank the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan, Inc. for their proactive effort in bringing me here to provide this service to all livestock producers. I am proud to be associated with an organization that places such importance on the humane treatment of livestock,” states Richard McConnell.

Providing an assortment of handling scenarios from working cattle through chutes to moving sheep in pens, the interactive presentations were very well received. A variety of visuals were incorporated into the workshop featuring a blend of Bud Williams and Richard McConnell.

“I really appreciated the opportunity to attend the low stress cattle management seminar that FACS facilitated. It was well organized, well presented and very informative. Richard McConnell did a great job. I came home with a different perspective and a different attitude. It will make a very positive impact on my cattle operation,” states Ken McDonald, Past President of the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association and cattle rancher from Indian Head.

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