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New Board Executive and New Board Member

Calgary, Alta, April 30, 2007. The Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) Association's board elected executive officers, following the group's AGM, March 23, 2007.

- **Terry Church, DVM**, from Calgary, was elected chairman. He represents Alberta Elk and Bison Producers of Alberta on AFAC's board. Dr. Church manages the Canadian Rocky Mountain Ranch with herds of about 400 elk, 100 bison and 55 caribou. He also oversees the marketing of the domestic and export meat sales for the ranch. He is the past chair of the Canadian Cervid Council. He was recognized by AFAC in 2003 with its Award of Distinction for Innovation for the development of the elk velvet removal certification. In his former role as Director of Animal Industry with Alberta Agriculture and Food, he was instrumental in encouraging the livestock industry to form AFAC. Contact (403) 256-1350.
- **Duane Landals, DVM** was re-elected **vice-chairman**. Duane represents the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) on AFAC's board. He is Registrar for AVMA, has been a rural practitioner for over 25 years, is owner of a veterinary practice at Morinville, is past president of CVMA and is the North American representative for Canada to the World Veterinary Association and Chair of the 29th World Veterinary Congress. Contact (780) 489-5007.
- **Brian Chomlak**, from Beauvallon, joins Duane and Terry on AFAC's executive. He represents the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission (ASWC) on AFAC's board. He is on the board of the ASWC and is a past director on the Alberta Beef Producer's board. He is Vice Chairman of the Myrnam Agricultural Society, participates in the Vermillion River Watershed Group, the UFA Advisory Committee and the Myrnam 4-H club. Brian and his wife Liz have a mixed farming operation with cattle, sheep, poultry and horses. They crop and hay 1,200 acres and maintain native pasture. Contact (780) 366-2180.

AFAC is pleased to announce the **University of Alberta** (U of A) as a permanent member on AFAC's board. The U of A has been an Active member of AFAC for several years. Dr. Craig Wilkinson, Director of Animal Care at U of A, has been a Director-at-Large on the board for four years. Dr. John Kennelly, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics said that the faculty "recognizes AFAC's important contributions to livestock welfare in Alberta and its leadership locally and nationally, and wishes to support these efforts in an ongoing manner through permanent participation on the Board of Directors."

Formed in 1993, AFAC's membership includes livestock organizations, individual producers, processors, veterinarians and associated agri-businesses. Through AFAC, the livestock industry of Alberta works together to:

- advance responsible animal care;
- talk with the public about today's animal agriculture;
- track issues and participate in policies and regulatory changes affecting livestock care;
- encourage relevant research.