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New AFAC Interim Manager Appointed

Calgary AB, April 13, 2009: **Jim Haggins** will be assuming the **interim manager position** of the Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) Association, **effective May 4**. “We are pleased to fill this position so quickly to ensure a smooth management transition. Jim will also work with us to develop future strategic direction for AFAC,” says AFAC chairman, Doug Sawyer.

“Jim brings to AFAC a wealth of experience, knowledge and contacts, having worked in Alberta's poultry and pork industry for several years. He has maintained an active interest in AFAC since its inception and has a strong understanding of its priorities and programs,” adds Sawyer.

Jim was raised on a mixed farm in SW Ontario, he has a B.Sc. (Agr) from the University of Guelph (Animal Science). Jim spent several years in the livestock feed business and 20 years in the poultry business, commercial egg production, hatching egg production, broiler production and owned and operated a hatchery for 9 years. Since 1996 Jim has been involved in the pork industry working with Pig Improvement Canada, Sunterra Farms, Cotswold Swine Genetics and PIC Canada.

Jim's past industry positions include:

- Director – Alberta Egg Board
- Secretary – Alberta Poultry Hatchery Association
- Chairman – Canadian Hatchery Federation
- Director – Alberta Pork

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