



AGRICULTURE COUNCIL  
OF SASKATCHEWAN INC.

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### **New Directors elected to ACS Board**

Saskatoon (July 4, 2008) - Three new faces will be joining the Board of Directors of the Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (ACS). The new directors were elected by ACS members at the ACS Annual General Meeting, which was held on Friday, June 20 in Regina.

The three new directors include Bob Morgan of POS Pilot Plant Corporation, Allen Kuhlmann of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission, and Keith LePoudre of the First Nations Agricultural Council of Saskatchewan. Darrell Schneider of the Saskatchewan Food Processors Association and Neil Ketilson of Sask Pork were both reelected to the Board.

The new directors join ACS Chair Murray Purcell, who represents the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, Vice-Chair Valerie Pearson, who represents the Saskatchewan 4-H Council, and Jason Dean, who represents the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is represented on the ACS Board by Dean Vey, Brenda Patton and Wendy Collinge, while the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture has two representatives, Dr. Abdul Jalil and William Greuel, on the Board.

“We are proud to have such broad representation of Saskatchewan’s agriculture and agri-food sector on our board,” said Purcell. “These representatives will strengthen ACS, allowing us to meet the current and emerging needs of the industry with our programs.”

ACS also said goodbye and gave thanks to three retiring board members at the AGM. They include Garth Patterson, who represented the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and served as Board Chair while also sitting on the Executive Committee, Nominations Committee, and ACAAFS Advisory Group; Ashley O’Sullivan, who represented Ag-West Bio and served on the Audit Committee as well as the Biofuels Advisory Group; and Celine Favreau, who represented the Saskatchewan Economic Development Association while serving on the Nominations Committee and the Biofuels Advisory Group.

“The contributions of these individuals at the Board table and in committees were invaluable,” said Purcell. “They were part of the team that guided ACS through a reorganization and name change that strengthened the organization. Their leadership allowed ACS to grow and become the industry-led organization that we are today.”

ACS administers the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada funded Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Saskatchewan (ACAAFS) program and the Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative (BOPI). Since 2004, ACS has committed over \$16.2 million through both the ACAAFS program and BOPI.

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