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Lacy Upchurch Elected to NIAA Board of Directors

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO— Lacy Upchurch is one of seven individuals newly elected to serve a three-year term on the National Institute for Animal Agriculture's Board of Directors. Upchurch, who represents the National Livestock Producers Federation, was elected to NIAA's Board during the organization's annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., March 31-April 1.

NIAA's Board of Directors guides the organization's 213 members from the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, equine and poultry industries. Membership includes national and state livestock, poultry and equine organizations as well as veterinarians, government regulatory personnel, academia, researchers, extension specialists, producers and allied industry businesses and organizations.

"Lacy comes to us with strong leadership experience, including serving as president of the nation's largest state Farm Bureau—Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation," states Dr. Leonard Bull, chairman of NIAA. "Very few individuals have the breadth and depth of experience as this gentleman, as he's also been a county extension agent and a swine and beef producer and has served on the Tennessee Governor's Economic Development Board."

Upchurch has also served as Chairman of the Tennessee Prok Producers and on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, the First Farmers and Merchants Bank and the American Farm Bureau.

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture provides a forum for building consensus and advancing proactive solutions for animal agriculture—the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, equine and poultry industries—and provides continuing education and communication linkages for animal agriculture professionals. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of disease that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promote a safe and wholesome from supply for our nation and abroad; and promote best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well-being. NIAA members represent all facets of animal agriculture.

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