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NIAA Expands, Elects Board of Directors

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO— The National Institute for Animal Agriculture re-elected Dr. Peter Timoney, University of Kentucky, Department of Veterinary Science, and Dr. Mark Engle, PIC North America, to second three-year terms on its Board of Directors and elected seven new individuals to the Board. The seven new Board members include replacements for four retiring positions plus three new positions created when NIAA expanded its Board from 17 to 20. NIAA's Board election took place the organization's annual meeting, March 31, in Louisville, Ky.

Elected to serve their first three-year term on NIAA's board were John Braly, Destron-Fearing Inc.; Michael Bumgarner, United Producers Inc.; Glenn Fischer, Allflex USA; Dr. Tony Frazier, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries; Dr. Jamie Jonker, National Milk Producers Federation; Travis Justice, Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation; and Lacy Upchurch, National Livestock Producers Association.

"NIAA is fortunate to have individuals of this caliber serve on its board of directors," stated Dr. Leonard Bull chairman of NIAA's board. "Each of these individuals brings a unique perspective to the Board and is dedicated to preserving and sustaining the diversity and profitability of animal agriculture. I see only exciting times ahead for NIAA."

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

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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