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### **NIAA Honors Three**

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.— The National Institute for Animal Agriculture honored three outstanding individuals at its annual conference on Tuesday, April 12, in San Antonio, Texas. These individuals were brought to the forefront by the NIAA membership which is comprised of animal agriculture organizations and individuals from the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, equine and poultry industries. Membership includes national and state livestock associations and poultry and equine organizations as well as veterinarians, government regulatory personnel, academia, researchers, extension specialists, producers and allied industry businesses and organizations.

Presented NIAA's highly regarded Meritorious Service Award was Dr. Taylor Wood, Missouri Department of Agriculture's State Veterinarian and Director of the Department of Agriculture's Animal Health Division. NIAA's Meritorious Service Award is given in recognition of leadership, dedication and contributions to the organization and animal agriculture.

NIAA's prestigious Chairman's Award, was presented to Dr. Richard Breitmeyer, director of the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, a partnership between the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine which provides veterinarians and livestock and poultry producers throughout California with rapid, reliable diagnoses of animal diseases. The Chairman's Award, given to an outstanding volunteer, recognizes unselfish dedication and tireless devotion to the advancement of animal agriculture.

Andrew Kennedy, president of FoodLogiQ, LLC, received NIAA's coveted President's Award which recognizes an NIAA committee chairman or vice chairman for exemplary leadership and dedication to the organization. Kennedy serves as vice chair of NIAA's Global Animal Health, Food Security and Trade Council.

*The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) is a non-profit, membership-driven organization that unites and advances animal agriculture—the beef, dairy, equine, goat, poultry, sheep and swine industries. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of diseases that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promotes a safe and wholesome food supply for our nation and abroad; and promotes best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well-being. NIAA members include farmers, ranchers, veterinarians, scientists, state and federal officials and business leaders.*

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