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Dr. Tony Forshey Elected to NIAA Board of Directors

BOWLING GREEN, KY— Dr. Tony Forshey, State Veterinarian and Chief of the Division of Animal Industry with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture. Dr. Forshey was elected during NIAA's annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., April 1-3.

NIAA's Board of Directors provides direction for the organization's 232 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.



"Dr. Forshey is a goal-oriented individual with strong leadership capabilities and team-player philosophies," states Dr. Leonard Bull, the newly elected chairman of the NIAA board. "He brings a valued perspective to the NIAA board as he practiced veterinary medicine for 27 years and served on the swine health manufacturer advisory boards of four key swine pharmaceutical and biological companies. In addition to his current position as Ohio's State Veterinarian, Dr. Forshey has been a guest lecturer at the College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University, as well as an off-site instructor teaching veterinary students the value of on-farm visits and consultation as it relates to communications and disease prevention."

Dr. Forshey is a former two-term member of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Swine Veterinarians, member of the Steering Committee of The Ohio Pork Industry Center and a contributing author for National Hog Farmer Magazine's "Veterinarians on Call" column.

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) mission is to provide forums for building consensus and advancing solutions for animal agriculture and to provide continuing education and communication linkages to animal agriculture professionals. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of animal diseases that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promote a safe and wholesome food supply for our nation and abroad; and promote best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well being. NIAA members represent producers, veterinarians, scientists, state and federal officials, and business executives. More information is available at www.animalagriculture.org.

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