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Dr. David Meeker Elected to NIAA Board of Directors

BOWLING GREEN, KY— Dr. David Meeker, vice president, Scientific Services, National Renderers Association, was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture. Dr. Meeker was elected during NIAA's annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., April 1-3.

NIAA's Board of Directors guides 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. Meeker's background and expertise make him ideal to serve on the NIAA board," states Dr. Leonard Bull, the newly elected chairman of the NIAA board. "In his current position with the NRA, Dr. Meeker is responsible for scientific and regulatory activities, budget, policy development and association management. He is also NRA's science liaison to regulatory agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration."

"Prior to working with the trade association for the rendering industry—which recycles animal and poultry by-products, Dr. Meeker worked for the National Turkey Federation where he led committees on production, food safety, environment and worker safety and health. In addition, he has served on the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources for the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. and has extensive teaching, publishing and speaking experience, both domestic and international. He is one well-rounded individual who is dedicated to animal agriculture, and we are indeed fortunate to have Dr. Meeker on the NIAA board."

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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