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Secretary Schafer to Address NIAA Annual Meeting Attendees

BOWLING GREEN, KY—It's been confirmed. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer will speak during the opening general session of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., on Tuesday, April 1.

"Secretary Schafer is passionate about American agriculture and the care and well-being of livestock and poultry, and we are honored that he has chosen to speak at NIAA's annual meeting," states Dr. Jerome Geiger, chair of NIAA's Annual Meeting Planning Committee. "You can bet that the Secretary's message will have an impact on each person in attendance."

In addition to Secretary Schafer, Tuesday's opening general session will feature four highly regarded, robust speakers: Dr. Wes Jamison, University of Florida, "Animals Past, Animals Future: The development and direction of the animal protection movement"; Dr. Ray Stricklin, University of Maryland, "Animal Care: Diverging Ethical Perspectives"; Steve Kopperud, Policy Directions Inc., "The U.S. Political Arena: On the Table and On the Horizon"; and Charlie Arnot, CMA Consulting, "Animal Care: Defining the Future."

Full registration covers Tuesday's opening general session, all NIAA committee meetings and Thursday's one-day ID•INFO Workshop as well as the "Welcome to Indiana" reception and NIAA's recognition banquet. Cost of a full registration is \$425, with students qualifying for a special discount.

A schedule of events for NIAA's annual meeting and the 2008 ID•INFO Workshop, meeting registration, list of NIAA committees and hotel information are available at the NIAA website: www.animalagriculture.org. Individuals are also welcome to call NIAA at (270) 782-9798.

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 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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