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Saskatchewan Forage Council Welcomes New Executive Director

The Saskatchewan Forage Council (SFC) is pleased to announce the hiring of Leanne Thompson as their new Executive Director.

Leanne Thompson comes to the SFC with a wealth of experience working with Provincial producer associations and agricultural organizations including Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan, the Western Beef Development Centre, the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association and the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association. Thompson has also worked with the Saskatchewan Forage Council on a variety of projects over the past 4 years so was in an excellent position to take over this role following the resignation of former Executive Director, Janice Bruynooghe.

Thompson is excited about this new position and remarks "I like that the Saskatchewan Forage Council combines the perspectives of producers, researchers, conservation groups and government on issues surrounding forages in this province and I look forward to working with the Board on their priorities. As a forage and livestock producer myself, I appreciate the work done by this organization in the past on extension and communication of forage related issues and hope to carry on this tradition as I take over the Executive Director role."

Saskatchewan Forage Council President, Aaron Ivey says, "The Board feels fortunate to be able to hand the reins of the organization over to Leanne. Her qualifications and past experience, both in the industry and with the SFC, should make for a seamless transition. At this time we would also like to thank Janice Bruynooghe for her past 12 years with the SFC. Many of our successes and advancements in the industry are in large part due to her efforts."

Leanne will be operating the Saskatchewan Forage Council from her home office located near of Ceylon, SK. Please note that contact information for the Saskatchewan Forage Council including mailing address, phone and fax numbers are changed effective immediately. New contact information is available on the website at www.saskforage.ca.

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