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**The Canadian Angus Association 2009 Annual General Meeting:
Sustaining Success**

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CALGARY, AB — Beautiful Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia was the scenic backdrop for the 2009 Canadian Angus Association Annual General Meeting. The theme for the meeting was "Sustaining Success." Chief Executive Officer Doug Fee presented highlights for 2008, which include:

- Angus remains solidly entrenched as Canada's leading beef breed with more than half of purebred beef cattle registrations.
- Registrations reached a record high of 62,283, a 7% increase over 2008.
- An additional 24,933 animals were recorded in the performance program which means a total of 87,216 animals were added to Canadian Angus Association records in 2008.
- A record 77,942 weaning weights were submitted (these weights help members obtain expected progeny differences [EPDs]).
- The Canadian Angus Foundation launched a fundraising program in 2008, selling chances to win 1 of 23 Angus embryo packages. The draw will take place at the World Angus Forum, and some tickets are still available for \$100 each.
- In an effort to support the health of people and animals and the move to environmental protection the Board chose to ban aerosols and paint at Canadian Angus sponsored shows effective September 1, 2009.

Following the meeting, we are pleased to announce the following changes to the Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors:

- John Donaldson of West Bolton, Quebec is the new President of the Board of Directors.
- Bob Switzer of Aneroid, Saskatchewan has moved into the role of Past President.
- Kirk Wildman of Sangudo, Alberta has been selected as President Elect.
- Roger Hardy of Midale and Shane Castle of Swift Current began serving three-year terms with the Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors following the meeting. Both new directors represent Saskatchewan.
- Frank Strimbold of Topley, BC began serving his second three-year term following the meeting.

- Keith Kaufmann of Ceylon, Saskatchewan retired from the Board of Directors after serving one term.

We are also pleased to congratulate Matt Fleury of Aberdeen, Saskatchewan, the recipient of the Robert C. McHaffie Ambassador Award. The Robert C. McHaffie Ambassador Award program selects one Canadian Junior Angus Association member to be an ambassador for Canadian Angus Association youth at major shows and events across Canada. This year, five Canadian Junior Angus Association members competed for the award, the highest number of competitors since the award was created in 2005.

The Canadian Angus Association (www.cdnangus.ca) is a not-for-profit association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act. The Association represents 3,000 members across Canada for the purposes of registering and recording the pedigrees of purebred Angus cattle and promoting the breed across Canada. Its member-approved mandate is to maintain breed registry, breed purity and provide services that enhance the growth and position of the Angus breed.

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