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### **Michael Bumgarner Elected to NIAA Board of Directors**

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO— Michael Bumgarner is one of seven individuals newly elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture. Bumgarner, vice president, marketing services, United Producers Inc., was elected to the Board during NIAA's annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., March 31-April 1.

NIAA's Board of Directors guides the organization's 213 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.

"Michael's experience in the development and implementation of non-traditional programs and services for livestock producers will be a definite asset to the Board," states Dr. Leonard Bull, chairman of NIAA. "He also understands the importance of fostering cooperation among all of animal agriculture and ensuring the sustainability of animal agriculture to the benefit of all society. His fellow Board members are excited to have his input, particularly since his areas of focus at United Producers also include risk management and coordinated production systems."

In addition to serving on NIAA's Board of Directors, Bumgarner is on the board of the Ohio Livestock Coalition and the Livestock Marketing Association.

*The National Institute for Animal Agriculture provides a forum for building consensus and advancing proactive solutions for animal agriculture—the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, equine and poultry industries—and provides continuing education and communication linkages for animal agriculture professionals. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of disease that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promote a safe and wholesome from supply for our nation and abroad; and promote best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well-being. NIAA members represent all facets of animal agriculture.*

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