



## Saskatchewan Forage Council

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### Saskatchewan Forage Council Recognizes Ituna-area Leader at its AGM

Aaron Ivey, well-known Ituna-area rancher and community leader, was recognized for his contributions to the forage industry at last week's Saskatchewan Forage Council annual general meeting.

A former SFC director and President, Ivey has contributed countless hours to the development and increased profile of forage production in this province. Aaron was instrumental in the creation of the Saskatchewan Forage Network and as the Co-Chair of the steering committee, played a key role in the concept and creation of the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence. In addition to his dedication to these and many other forage industry initiatives, Aaron is a tireless volunteer within his own community.

"Aaron's dedication and leadership have been invaluable to the Saskatchewan Forage Council, and to the forage industry as a whole," said SFC President Tamara Carter. "The calm voice of reason in many key discussions, Aaron is a valued resource and mentor for many of us in this industry. We are very pleased to acknowledge his significant contributions with the presentation of the Forage Innovation Award."

The Forage Industry Innovation Award was developed by the Saskatchewan Forage Council in 2008 to acknowledge exemplary innovation, leadership, service and stewardship in Saskatchewan's forage industry by producers, land managers, agency staff and researchers.

Other highlights from the Saskatchewan Forage Council annual general meeting include the renewal of terms for directors Sarah Sommerfeld with the Ministry of Agriculture, Mike Schellenberg with AAFC, and producer Nathan Siklenka from Glaslyn. Producer Brent Griffin, from Elbow, was also nominated to the board of directors. The newly-formed board then appointed Tamara Carter (President), Mark McNinch (Vice-President) and Sarah Sommerfeld (Secretary-Treasurer) to its executive committee.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence (LFCE) inaugural summer field day, at its new facility near Clavet, SK.

*With a mandate to enhance the province's forage and grassland industry, the Saskatchewan Forage Council strives to partner with producers, industry, government and university on projects and initiatives that advance the forage industry.*

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