



Canada's Sheep and Goat Industries Hire New National Animal ID Coordinator

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 – Guelph, ON – The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) and the Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) announced today the hiring of a new National Animal Identification Coordinator. Sean McKenzie has been selected to fill this position beginning May 12, 2008.

McKenzie comes to the role from the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, where he worked in the Food Safety and Quality Department as the FSQ Systems Specialist. Additionally Sean worked with the Traceability Initiative and was involved with industry and government programs for Animal Identification, Age Verification and the Industry Government Advisory Committee.

The position was originally filled by France Lanthier who had made the switch to National Identification after being the On-Farm Food Safety Coordinator for two years.

"The CSF welcomes Sean and believes that the experience he brings to the table will be a great asset to the Canadian sheep industry," says Florence Henning, Chair of the CSF. She adds, "The decision to leave was a tough one for France, but we know she is excited about the new opportunities before her. We wish her all the best in this next phase of her career."

Chairperson of the Goat National Traceability Committee Susan Barker states, "We look forward to Sean working with the Canadian Goat Traceability Committee. While our time working with France was short we will miss her and we do wish France the very best in her new endeavour."

This position is being funded by the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

The Canadian Sheep Federation is a national, non-profit organization that represents all Canadian sheep producers. Its mission is further the viability, expansion and prosperity of the Canadian sheep and wool industry. For more information contact the Canadian Sheep Federation at **1-888-684-7739** or jennifer@cansheep.ca.

The Canadian National Goat Federation is a national, non-profit organization that represents all Canadian goat producers. Its mandate is to represent the interest of all goat producers across Canada regardless if they are raising meat, dairy, fiber or pet animals. The CNGF is a non profit national organization that is representing the national interests of goat producers and the industry. For more information contact the Canadian National Goat Federation at **1-613-347-2230** or info@cangoats.com.



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