



Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.

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## **A CHANCE TO LEARN FROM THE BEST**

The upcoming Stockmanship Series will expose participants to some of the best and brightest teachers.

Whether it is hoof care of horses or herd health for cattle; whether it is understanding the relation between genetics and quality; or how proper cattle handling can impact production – there is something for everyone at the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan (FACS) Stockmanship Series.

“The Stock Person’s School is a popular annual event for FACS. This year we are adding a Backyard Horse Seminar, a Stockmanship Clinic with Americans Curt Pate and Ron Gill, as well as a special training session for auction markets to offer more options for participants,” Executive Director Adele Buettner said.

The Series begins on May 5 with the Backyard Horse Seminar, which is an evening session at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN). Dr. Katherine Ball, WCVN, focuses on teeth and hoof care; Dr. Dianne Winkelman-Sim, U of S Department of Animal & Poultry Science, addresses the Do’s and Don’ts of feeding a horse; and Dr. Fernando Marques, WCVN, discusses treatment options for gastric ulcers and demonstrates the Gastroscope.

The Stock Person’s School, also at the WCVN, follows on May 6 with presentations on Calf Care: Health Challenges & Treatments by Dr. John Campbell, WCVN; Helping to Make Grasslands Last, Dr. Bart Lardner, Western Beef Development Centre; Herd Health: Top 10 Threats, Causes & Treatments, Dr. Eugene Janzen, University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine; Market Analysis, Ms. Sandy Russell, Spring Creek Land and Cattle Consulting Ltd; Pharmaceutical Options, Mr. Lee Sinclair, Merial; and Gastric Ulcers in Horses Dr. Fernando Marques, WCVN.

The Stockmanship and Stewardship Clinic on May 7 at Prairieland Park Ag Centre features Curt Pate, AQHA Professional Horseman and Regional Experience Clinician; and Dr. Ron Gill, Texas A&M University Extension Livestock Specialist. This popular team makes similar presentations to audiences throughout the USA. They will also be conducting the special session for auction market employees on the final day of the Series, which takes place at Saskatoon Livestock Sales on May 8.

“We are very pleased to be able to present such a wide range of informative sessions, all in the interest of responsible animal care,” Buettner added.

Further details and registration information are available at [www.facs.sk.ca](http://www.facs.sk.ca)

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The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (FACS) is a membership-based, non-profit organization that represents the livestock industry in advancing responsible animal welfare, care and handling practices in agriculture. FACS endeavors to raise producer awareness of the economic and ethical benefits of animal welfare and help consumers achieve a greater understanding of animal care issues.