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CFWF hands out top honors at annual awards banquet

(Winnipeg, Manitoba, September 18, 2006) – Canada’s best agricultural journalists, broadcasters, communicators and photographers were honored September 16, 2006 at the annual Canadian Farm Writers’ Federation awards banquet, held in conjunction with the Canadian Farm Writers’ Federation (CFWF) annual conference.

Awards in 14 categories were presented at the banquet at the luxurious Fort Garry Hotel, held at the conclusion of the CFWF three-day conference.

In all, 42 awards were presented, with a total of \$7,900 in prize money going to the winners.

Winning entries were selected by a panel of 26 judges from across Canada and the U.S., including journalism professors and editors from mainstream publications – agricultural and non-agricultural.

The CFWF (www.cfwf.ca) represents approximately 350 English-speaking agricultural journalists, broadcasters and corporate communicators across Canada through five regional associations in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Eastern Canada.

The following is a list of 2006 award winners:

Television News Reporting – The Jack McPherson Award

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Gold: Mark Murphy, Town and Country Ontario, *Energy Wise Farming-Greenhouses*

Silver: Christine Eisler, Kayla Duffield, Kevin Hood, Town and Country Ontario, *Avian flu research*

Bronze: Ingrid Clark, Town and Country Ontario, *Nutrient Management- MOE Inspections*

Radio News Reporting - The Tom Leach Award

Sponsored by Bayer CropScience

Gold: Not awarded

Silver: John Steinman, Deconstructing Dinner, CJLY Radio, *Sterile seeds*

Bronze: Philip Shaw, CFCO Thursday Farm Show Commentary, *Ottawa Solidarity Farm Rally*

News Release - The Alice Switzer Award

Sponsored by United Farmers of Alberta Co-op Ltd.

Gold: LeeAnne Bateman & Tracey Feist, Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development, *Help. Wherever, whenever – three easy ways to connect with Alberta Agriculture*

Silver: Kim Waalderbos, University of Guelph, *Openhouse attracts environmentally conscious farmers*

Bronze: Maureen Fitzhenry, Canadian Wheat Board, *CWB urges attention to economic storm battering farmers*

General Periodical- The Felix Schmaltz Award

Sponsored by the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers

Gold: Kelly Daynard, Ontario Farm Animal Council, *The 'Real' Dirt on Farming*

Silver: Ellen Flookes, AdFarm, *RPM*

Bronze: Kevin Hursh, Allison Finnamore, Hursh Consulting & Communications, *AgriSuccess Journal*

Technical Feature - The Peter Lewington Award

Co-sponsored by Syngenta Seeds Canada Inc. and Innovative Farmers Association of Ontario

Gold: Ray Ford, Small Farm Canada, *Tractor Time*

Silver: Lee Hart, Country Guide Ontario, *High pressure delivery cuts NH3 losses*

(tie) Bronze: Laura Laing, Cattlemen, *Don't overlook a good ranch horse on account of Club Foot*

(tie) Bronze: Andrew Douglas, Country Guide Ontario, *Taste processor premiums through a new generation co-op*

Press Column - The Frank Jacobs Award

Sponsored by Elanco Animal Health

Gold: Laura Rance, Winnipeg Free Press, *Don't have a bird over outdoor chickens*

Silver: Barry Wilson, The Western Producer, *Half the story about farm income is easy to find*

Bronze: Wendy Holm, The Western Producer, *Dual desk is code for disaster*

Press Editorial - The O.R. Evans Award

Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited

Gold: Jamie Reaume, The Grower, *Vision, not band-aid solutions, needed to solve ag's problems*

Silver: Janet Kanters, The Alberta Express, *Trading in human rights*

Bronze: Dave Bedard, Manitoba Co-operator, *Mind who you exclude as "farmers"*

Press Feature - The Dick Beamish Award

Sponsored by Monsanto Canada Inc.

Gold: Bruce Dyck, The Western Producer, *Dirty thirties: fact and myth*

Silver: Myrna Macdonald Ridley, Horse Health Lines, *Blinded by the night*

Bronze: Jay Whetter, Country Guide, *Canola has to put its flower to work*

Monthly Press Reporting - The Jack Cram Award

Sponsored by the Canadian Seed Growers' Association

Gold: Ray Ford, Small Farm Canada, *At Pasture*

Silver: Lee Hart, Grainews, *How to hire foreign workers for hog barns*

Bronze: Sylvia MacBean, Canola Guide, *Fall-seeded canola experiment uses sugarcoating*

Weekly Press Reporting - The Q.H. Martinson Award

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Gold: Laura Rance, Farmers' Independent Weekly, *Nutrient regulations make farm planning more complicated*

Silver: Sean Pratt, The Western Producer, *Ethanol fuels excitement*

Bronze: Barbara Duckworth, The Western Producer, *Landowners fired up over gas industry*

Daily Press Reporting - The C.B. Fairbairn Award

Sponsored by The Western Producer

Gold: Gina Teel, Calgary Herald, *Biofuels face uphill battle*

Silver: not awarded

Bronze: Suzanne Atkinson, Cobourg Daily Star, *Agriculture: Life and livelihood are one*

World Wide Web Site - The Henry Heald Award

Sponsored by Quarry Integrated Communications

Gold: Paul Yanko, The Western Producer, *www.producer.com*

Silver: Gerard Vaillancourt, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, *Ropin' the web - www.agric.gov.ab.ca*

Bronze: Kevin Hursh & Allison Finnermore, Hursh Consulting & Communications, *AgriSuccess Express - www.fcc-fac/en/Agnews/ag_curnews_e.asp*

Feature Photograph

No Sponsor

Gold: Sharon Hill, Windsor Star, *Top Award*

Silver: Karen Morrison, The Western Producer, *Owl*

Bronze: Michael Raine, The Western Producer, *Quiet Reflection*

News Photograph

Sponsored by Better Farming

Gold: John Greig, Ontario Farmer, *Road protest*

Silver: Ian Bell, The Western Producer, *Canola Harvest*

Bronze: Michael Raine, The Western Producer, *Fashion update*

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