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NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Three directors elected to the CFFO Executive Board

Guelph, February 2006. Three directors have been elected to the Executive Board of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario.

Glen Duff, Lorne Small and John Van Dyk were elected during a recent meeting of the CFFO's Provincial Council, a gathering of farmers from 22 district associations across Ontario.

Glen Duff, a 66-year-old hay and sheep producer from near Rockwood (Halton), brings to the CFFO Executive Board a host of business and professional experience. Along with his wife, Sharon, Duff has developed a flock of purebred Rideau breeding stock, with a focus on high herd health status. Duff holds a Bachelor Degree in Biochemistry following studies at the University of B.C, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and post-graduate work at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

Duff served for 35 years as director of Issues Management in the pharmaceuticals division of Ciba-Geigy Canada Ltd. He was responsible for Government Relations, Strategic Planning and Public Affairs. Following early retirement, Duff served as a political lobbyist in Ottawa on intellectual property rights from 1996-98 for Novartis Pharmaceuticals, a Swiss multinational. From 1998-2001, Duff coordinated a major international project for Novartis Animal Health, traveling throughout major continents and working out of his home and in Switzerland. In 1995 Duff was a recipient of the Governor General's commemorative 125th anniversary medal, in recognition of a "significant contribution to compatriots, community, and to Canada."

Lorne Small, a 60-year-old sheep producer from near Kenilworth (Wellington), also brings a varied background to the CFFO Executive Board. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been farming on his family's century farm for the past 13 years. Small holds a B.Sc. in Animal Science and a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph.

Small has been on the Board of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency for the past six years as a director. He has also worked as an agricultural representative with OMAFRA in the Ottawa-Carlton Region, Northumberland and Elgin counties; and as a Farm Management Specialist in Guelph. Small was also the first appointed General Manager of the newly-privatized Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation. The Small family also owns a printing business in Toronto.

John Van Dyk is a 38-year-old dairy farmer from near Tavistock (Perth). He and his wife, Anna, have completed their third Nutrient Management Plan on the family operation. Van Dyk serves on the Perth County Milk Committee of Dairy Farmers of Ontario and as Vice-President of the Oxford Milkway Transport Co-op. Van Dyk is also an active participant in the CFFO's supply management committee.

The newly-elected directors join incumbent director Peter Payne, from near Reaboro. Rounding out the CFFO board are President John Kikkert, from near Smithville, and vice presidents Henry Stevens, from near Palmerston, and Clarence Nywening, from near Thamesville. Kikkert, Stevens and Nywening were acclaimed at the recent CFFO convention.

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