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Ceva Appoints New North American Zone Director

Craig Wallace is Ceva's new North American Zone Director overseeing U.S. and Canadian operations for its poultry and companion animal businesses. Before this recent appointment, Wallace spent 22 years at Fort Dodge Animal Health where he was vice president of U.S. sales.

Marc Prikazsky, Chairman and CEO, Ceva Santé Animale, announced Dr. Arnaud Bourgeois, Vice President, will continue to directly manage the Biomune biology campus, as a key part of

Scott Shearer: What's In Store for Agriculture in the 112th Congress?



While a change of the majority in the House along with a new speaker has put a different face on the 112th Congress, the impact it might ultimately have for agriculture could emerge from subtler factors. Bockorny Group Vice President Scott Shearer described the last general election as historic with its huge turnover of legislators - 96 freshmen representatives were sworn into the House and 16 to the Senate. But just

because many of the new legislators are Republicans from agricultural states, agribusiness shouldn't be looking for automatic guarantees or favorable legislation to come its way. For one thing, redistricting in many states has resulted in representation of agriculture districts by lawmakers with no direct connection to farming, ranching and food animal production. There are 23 new members on the House Ag Committee, and 60% of the current committee did not serve during the 2008 Farm Bill discussion.

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Save the Date: March 15th, Ag Day

The U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance (USFRA), established to counter the negative publicity about agriculture and food animal production appearing in much of the country's media, will help Council members mark Ag Day 2011 at the March 15 Meeting and Luncheon at the American Royal. Featured speaker Hugh Whaley, General Manager of USFRA will outline how the organization, which represents more than 20 of the largest and best-funded farm groups,

the group's global biology network, although he will move to headquarters in France in the next few months, once the final re-organization to support the company's new biological facility in Lenexa is complete.

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is projecting a positive image of agriculture and enhancing public trust in the U.S. food supply.

Two key objectives of the Alliance is to maintain the freedom of U.S. farmers and ranchers to operate in a responsible manner and to increase their voice as authorities on local, state and national issues concerning animal and crop agriculture. The U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance is also working with health, environmental and dietary organizations to demonstrate the benefits of today's agriculture production.

The monthly meeting starts at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for non-members. Council members will receive further information about the event and registration instructions by email.

Kansas Senators Tout the Importance of Agro-Defense

Senators Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Jerry Moran (R-KS) introduced a resolution on February 10 to recognizing the importance of biosecurity and agro-defense to America's national and economic security. Sen. Roberts, the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, has been an outspoken advocate of the need to improve the country's biosecurity. His efforts were instrumental in bringing the new National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) to Manhattan, Kansas.

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New Legislative Committee Formed

The Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City has re-formed and re-vamped its Legislative Committee to better serve its members.

Past Council Chair Gina Bowman will be leading the committee and is please to welcome the following members:

Mike Beam
Kansas Livestock Association

Jim Gray
Heartland Plant Innovations

Leslie Kaufman
Kansas Cooperative Council

Jackie Klippenstein
Dairy Farmers of America

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Western Farm Show This Weekend

Whether you buy or sell farm equipment, the Western Farm Show is the place to be every February. The show features aisles and aisles of the latest farm and livestock equipment, buildings, fertilizer, feed, seed and much more. The Family Living Center and Health & Safety Roundup provide products and information for the entire family. Where else can you see more than 500 exhibits all indoors under one roof?

For more information visit:
www.westernfarmshow.com

SHB Seminar Covers Food Safety and Waste Management Reimbursements

During Shook, Hardy & Bacon's annual Agriculture Legal Update luncheon last month, Sarah Sunday, Senior Food Law Counsel for Kraft Foods, Inc., noted the FDA Food Modernization Act signed into law on January 4, 2011 was the first real update in food safety legislation since the 1930s. But she said there was nothing radical in the new law even though it would usher in a new era of FDA food safety regulation. She explained that most of the industry was already in compliance with the rules and regulations.

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Kansas Biosciences Bolts To Prominence

The Kansas Bioscience Authority was touted by Governor Sam Brownback during a reception in Topeka celebrating its 2010 accomplishments. Both the governor and Tom Thornton, KBA's President and CEO, addressed Kansas legislators, state officials and several hundred researchers, scientists and businesses whose projects have been bolstered financially with funds and grants that the KBA has attracted from investors, institutes and government organizations.

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Missouri Introduces Farm Energy Efficiency Programs

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is promoting two new opportunities for producers interested in improving energy efficiency on Missouri farms and in Missouri farm homes:

- Missouri Agriculture Energy Saving Team - A Revolutionary Opportunity (MAESTRO)
- Energize Missouri Agriculture.

The MAESTRO program provides low-cost energy audits for Missouri livestock farmers to improve the efficiency of their farms and farm homes. The audits are followed by opportunities for loans, interest rate buy-downs and rebate options after energy savings are realized.

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Agroterrorism Symposium Convenes in KC in April

With agroterrorism looming as a major threat to U.S. security and economic stability, the Kansas City Division of the FBI and the Heart of America Joint Terrorism Task Force (HOA-JTTF) will present the Fourth International Symposium of Agroterrorism (ISA) at the Hyatt Regency and the Westin Crown Center hotels April 26-28.

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