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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED AT ARECA

ALBERTA, April 27, 2009 – The Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ty Faechner, ARECA's former Research Program Manager, as the organization's new Executive Director.

Ty Faechner is a professional agrologist and certified agricultural consultant who has worked for the Alberta Government and private business in the agriculture industry for 30 years. He has taught GIS, GPS and precision agriculture courses at Assiniboine Community College and Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba, as well as at the University of Alberta and King's University College in Edmonton. Ty completed his Ph.D. in variable rate herbicide application at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Alberta. He worked as the Research Program Manager with ARECA over the past two years and has been involved in developing methods to monitor reclaimed industrial sites with GPS, assessing the costs of farming around midfield structures, doing field scale farm research and developing funding initiatives for farm training for Alberta producers.

"We are confident that we have found the right person to lead ARECA into the future," said Gerald Kuefler, chairman of ARECA's Board of Directors. "Our member associations will continue to benefit from Ty's strong background in agricultural research, and his in-depth knowledge of our organization will ensure a smooth transition while at the same time bringing a fresh new vision to the work we are doing on behalf of producers throughout Alberta."

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