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## Alberta Beef Producers welcomes new executive

(Calgary, Alberta) December 11, 2008 – Erik Butters joined Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) for his second term as a delegate in 2002. Little did he know that in his final six years that included holding office as Finance Chairman, Vice Chairman and finally Chairman of the Board, that producers would face BSE, drought, a record-high dollar, high feed grain prices and a world-wide economic downturn. When Butters addressed the crowd at the ABP Annual General Meeting in Calgary earlier this week, he reflected on issues he has faced head-on as a cattle producer and as ABP Chairman. Butters now moves into the past-Chairman position.

For three days, producers, industry and government representatives and ABP delegates tackled big issues impacting the province's cattle industry. The AGM was held in Calgary Dec. 8 to 10 and included speakers, resolution debates and elections.

A new executive and board of directors were elected during this time. Rick Burton (Claresholm) is the new Chairman of the Board. Kevin Boon (Tomahawk) is Vice Chairman and Doug Sawyer (Pine Lake) is Finance Chair.

The 2008/2009 Board of Directors includes: Gerald Maser (Manyberries), Brent Carey (Stavely), Brian Edge (Cochrane), Frank Murphy (Altario), Doug Sawyer (Pine Lake), Greg Bowie (Ponoka), Rob Sommerville (Endiang), Roy Eckert (New Sarepta), Darcy Eddleston (McLaughlin), Darryl Carlson (Pincher Creek), Brian Chomlak (Beauvallon), Larry Delvin (Calgary), Kevin Boon (Tomahawk), Ben Schrader (Jarvie), Janys Boyte (Elmworth), Chuck MacLean (Medicine Hat), Stuart Thiessen (Strathmore) and Erik Butters (Cochrane)

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