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NEWS RELEASE

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NEW WEBSITE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON ALBERTA'S CONFINED FEEDING INDUSTRY

CALGARY (January 6, 2003) - The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) has just launched its new website at www.nrcb.gov.ab.ca. The site is designed to provide users with easy access to key information about the NRCB and its role in regulating the livestock industry and the development of Alberta's natural resources.

The launch of the new website marks completion of the NRCB's first year in its new role administering the province-wide regulation of confined feeding operations (CFOs).

On the site the public will find information about how the NRCB assesses applications for project developments (both resource and agricultural developments), how it responds to public complaints about CFOs and how the public review process works.

Livestock producers will find information on what they need to know about the enforcement of Alberta's new CFO regulations and environmental standards for livestock production, including manure storage and handling requirements. Regulations and standards, useful fact sheets, guides and technical reports are also available through the website.

Users will be kept current on Board decisions and other newsworthy topics as they become available. Board Member biographies and descriptions of advisory groups and other agencies that the NRCB works with are also found on the newly launched website.

The NRCB hopes that the public, the media and producers will discover the new site and find it to be a reliable source for useful and timely information about natural resource and CFO developments that are approved and regulated by the NRCB.

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