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AGRI-GROWTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2011

ST. PAUL, Minn. (February 7, 2011) – The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, a nonpartisan advocacy organization for Minnesota’s vast agriculture and food industry approved the 2011 slate of Executive Officers for the Board of Directors at the January Board Meeting. A 24-member board governs the Council, representing the diversity of Minnesota’s food and agriculture industry, including ex-officio representation from leadership at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences.

The 2011 Agri-Growth Council Board of Directors are:

Executive Officers:

- **Chair:** Kristin Weeks Duncanson, Owner, Duncanson Growers
- **Vice Chair:** Mike Zumwinkle, Director, Government Relations, Cargill
- **Secretary:** Jim Winter, Vice President of North American Agri Business, Ecolab
- **Treasurer:** Steven Krikava, Director, Government Affairs, Land O' Lakes, Inc.
- **Immediate Past Chair:** Joe C. Swedberg, Vice President, Legislative Affairs, Hormel Foods, Corporation

Directors:

Paul DeBriyn	AgStar Financial Services
Jim Bereksten	CHS Inc
Al Anderson	Retired
Jack Bernens	Syngenta Seeds, Inc.
Mark Davis	Davisco Foods
Randy Doyal	Al-Corn Clean Fuel
Commissioner David Frederickson	Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Meg Freking	New Fashion Pork
Tim Gerlach	Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Roger Gilland	Gilland Feedlots Inc.
Mike Helgeson	Gold'n Plump Poultry
Jerry Larson	Larson Farms
Dean Allen Levine, PhD.	University of Minnesota - CFANS
Pat Lunemann	MN Milk Producers Association and Twin Eagle Dairy
Adolph Ojard	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Bill Reilly	Schwan's Food Company
Tom Rosen	Rosen's Diversified
Nick Sinner	Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association
Dr. Michael Swanson	Wells Fargo

The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council (www.agrigrrowth.org) is an advocate for the state's food and agriculture industry. Founded in 1968, the Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that represents the shared interests of its 200-plus members, which include food and agriculture businesses, organizations and producers, as well as the service industries that support them.

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