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MINNESOTA AGRI-GROWTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCES BOARD ELECTIONS, RETIREMENT

ST. PAUL, Minn. (Oct. 30, 2008) – The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, a nonpartisan advocacy organization for Minnesota’s vast agriculture and food industry, announces the re-election of six of its board of directors.

The elections took place during the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Annual Meeting in St. Paul, Oct. 30. The re-elected directors include:

- Jim Bareksten, director of government affairs, CHS, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
- Mike Zumwinkle, director, Cargill, Wayzata, Minn.
- Allen Anderson, agricultural policy advisor and retired vice president of government affairs for CHS, West Concord, Minn.
- Steven Krikava, director, government relations, Land O’Lakes, Shoreview, Minn.
- Mike Helgeson, chief executive officer, Gold’n Plump Poultry, St. Cloud, Minn.
- Mark Davis, president and chief executive officer, Davisco Foods, Le Sueur, Minn.

After 40 years of service, David E. Johnson, retired president and CEO of the Cenex/Land O’Lakes Agronomy Company, retired from the board. Johnson is the longest serving director.

The Council is governed by a 23-member board, representing the diversity of Minnesota’s food and agriculture industry, as well as 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 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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