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PotashCorp Lends Support to Joint IFIF/FAO Project

PotashCorp has been involved in the development of the Manual of Good Practices for the Feed Industry — a joint effort of the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) and United Nation's Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO).

As the official liaison between the IFIF and FAO, Dr. Steve Auman, Director of Business Development for PotashCorp's Feed Phosphates, has been working to organize the manual for publication alongside Dr. Andrew Speedy, Senior Officer (Feed and Animal Nutrition – Animal Production Service) of FAO and Dave Bossman, IFIF Executive Vice President and retired former Chairman of the AFIA.

The manual, which details the corresponding sections of the Code of Good Practice for Animal Feeding, is extremely important as the code recognizes the need for safe feed practices that minimize the risk of animal protein products that could adversely affect human health.

The global increase in food trade among nations has increased the risk of spreading foodborne disease from one country to another. The code provides ready-to-use risk assessment programs and standards that can be easily adapted at all levels of food and feed production. Through the IFIF, FAO hopes to accelerate the process of getting the word out on how to establish a risk-based management system to protect against food-related human health concerns.

The new Manual of Good Practices for the Feed Industry should be published in the second quarter of 2006 and will be available at www.fao.org.