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ONTARIO RABBIT RE-ELECTS KABBES AS PRESIDENT

(Guelph) Ontario Rabbit (OR) is pleased to announce that Dave Kabbes has been re-elected to the position of OR President at the organization's inaugural board meeting held recently.

A board member since 2005 and serving as president since 2006, Dave continues his role of OR president into 2010. Dave and his wife Tracy, along with their three daughters, operate Kabbes Patch Rabbitry near Drayton. The Kabbes' have raised rabbits for over five years and market approximately 4,500 fryers annually. Dave is also an active member of his community where he is involved in his church as a youth leader.

"As we enter the second year of the veal, rabbit and goat partnership, we have much to look forward to. After receiving a strong mandate from the Ontario rabbit membership to pursue Farm Products at the 2009 Annual General Meeting, we have a busy and challenging year ahead," stated Kabbes.

Also re-elected to the Board of Directors and new to the position of OR Vice President is Steve Bowier. Steve joined the OR board in 2008. Steve and his family raise both rabbits and starter pullets in the Kenilworth area. "Steve has an excellent understanding of the Ontario's commercial rabbit industry and we greatly value his input and knowledge. I look forward to continuing to work with Steve this year," said Kabbes.

During the OR Annual General Meeting held in October, growers elected Jason Thuss as a new Director. Jason and his family operate Meadowbrook Farms near Kerwood and have approximately 300 breeding does. "We look forward to working with Jason, he is committed to moving the industry in a positive direction," suggested Bowier.

Also re-elected to the Board of Directors were Henk Koert from Courtland and Samantha Stewart from the Dundalk area. Rounding out the eight member board is Rosemary Voisin from Formosa, Leslie Zinger from Ariss and George Molson from Newbury.

Two directors, Markus Frei and Peter Mampaey, stepped down from the OR Board. "We greatly appreciate the efforts of both Markus and Peter and on behalf of the Ontario Rabbit Board I wish to thank them for their commitment over the past couple of years," stated Kabbes.

Ontario Rabbit is a grower run organization representing Ontario's commercial rabbit growers. More information about Ontario Rabbit can be found at www.ontariorabbit.ca.

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