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### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE FARM ANIMAL WELFARE COUNCIL (FAWC)**

Ministers have appointed two new members to the Farm Animal Welfare Council with effect from 1 February 2010. The new members are:

Professor Laura Green – Chair in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Warwick leading a research group on farm animal veterinary epidemiology. Member of the Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine, Chair of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council Research Committee A and Member of the Rural Economy and Land Use Strategic Advisory Committee.

Professor Richard Moody – A consultant specialising in food and consumer issues, after 30 yrs experience as a senior academic and food scientist. Previously an independent Commissioner with the Meat and Livestock Commission and Chairman of its Consumers' Committee, he is also an adviser on food additives research to the Food Standards Agency; was a member of its inaugural research committee, and is a Fellow of the Institute for Food Science and Technology.

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## Note for Editors

1. The Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC) is an independent non-departmental public body. It was established by Government in 1979 to keep under review the welfare of farm animals on agricultural land, at market, in transit and at the place of slaughter; and to advise the Government of any legislative or other changes it considers necessary.
2. These appointments run to 31 December 2012, but may be renewed. All members serve in a personal capacity and do not represent any organisations with which they may be associated. Members receive a daily rate of £146 plus reasonable travel and subsistence expenses.
3. Neither appointee holds any other Ministerial public appointment at the time of this appointment.
4. The appointments have been made in accordance with the Code of Practice of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointee's political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Neither candidate declared any political activity.
5. More information about FAWC is available from the Website ([www.fawc.org.uk](http://www.fawc.org.uk)) or from the Secretariat ([fawcsecretariat@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:fawcsecretariat@defra.gsi.gov.uk)).