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TAHC Welcomes Dr. Terry Hensley, New Assistant Executive Director

AUSTIN - The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is excited to welcome Dr. Terry Hensley to its organization. Hensley joined the organization on May 17 as the assistant executive director over animal health programs.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Terry Hensley to the Texas Animal Health Commission family. His experience and background will be a tremendous asset for the agency and Texas livestock producers," Dr. Dee Ellis, TAHC Executive Director, said.

Hensley is a native Texan having been born and raised in northeast Texas. He grew up in the small town of New London. His wife Kathleen, also a native Texan, is from Navasota. Hensley and his wife are both proud Texas Aggies. He holds a Bachelor in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, a Masters in Poultry Science and a DVM.

He began his veterinary career in a mixed practice in Ketchikan, AK. After four years in private practice he spent one year in Athens, GA in a post-doctoral position with the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia.

In October, 1989 Hensley accepted a position with the USDA/APHIS/Veterinary Services in Atlanta, GA. He was then assigned to Alabama and later transferred to Roseburg, OR where he has spent the past 16 years. Hensley served as the Designated Brucellosis Epidemiologist, FADD, served as the USDA/VS liaison with Oregon State University, College of Veterinary Medicine where he taught a regulatory medicine class to junior veterinary students and was responsible for the accreditation seminar for senior veterinary students. He worked closely with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife by providing wildlife disease consultation, necropsy and diagnostic assistance to wildlife biologists. Hensley also served as USDA liaison to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, where he helped develop an annual EIA surveillance program for reservation horse, an equine vaccination clinic and helped establish a brucellosis vaccination program for reservation cattle.

Hensley and his wife have one daughter, Melanie, who is currently a student at Oregon State University. She has recently been accepted into the veterinary program at Texas A&M and will begin her first year this fall.

“I am looking forward to working with a great group of people here at the Texas Animal Health Commission and with the Texas livestock and poultry industry,” Hensley said.

The Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock. The agency’s mission and role is to assure the marketability and mobility of Texas livestock.

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