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**NFU ELECTS NEW YOUTH PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

**BRUSSELS, ONT.**—NFU members elected a new Youth President at their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Dave Lewington is a 26 year-old, full-time farmer from Brussels, Ontario. On his farm, he raises hogs and sheep. He practices rotational grazing and direct markets some of his production as antibiotic-free meat directly to consumers.

Lewington says that he is looking forward to working within the NFU on the many issues confronting younger farmers. His special focus will be on working to make it easier for young farmers to begin producing supply-managed commodities—milk, poultry, eggs—while he also works to maintain the strength of Canada's supply management systems.

NFU members elected Nigel Weber as Youth Vice-President. Weber is from a mixed farm north of Castor, Alberta. He completed the two-year program at Pearson United World College of the Pacific, outside of Victoria, B.C. Currently, Nigel is in his fourth year at the University of Saskatchewan studying Agricultural and Bio-resource Engineering. One of the highlights of his university career thus far was a four-month study term in Guatemala.

Lewington and Weber are enthusiastic about their new positions and look forward to working as a team. They will bring together their experience on their farms in Ontario and Alberta with the experience of young farmers in the NFU from across Canada.

Lewington and Weber take over from outgoing NFU Youth President Martha Robbins and Youth Vice-President Mandy Melnyk.

NFU President Stewart Wells, Vice-President Terry Boehm, Women's President Karen Pedersen, and Women's Vice-President Colleen Ross were all acclaimed to serve another term.

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