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NECC Holds Annual Leaders Forum and Elects Directors & Officers for 2009

ALBANY, NY: The Northeast Cooperative Council, NECC, held its sixtieth annual meeting and Cooperative Leaders Forum. This year's theme for the Forum and co-sponsored by COBANK was "Cooperating in Turbulent Times." Over 120 cooperative leaders from across the Northeast attended the conference held on February 25-26 at The Marriott.

The Council announces the election of directors for 2009. Five directors were elected or re-elected to serve on the 12 member board. Cynthia VanLieshout was elected to represent Upstate Niagara. Craig Pollock was re-elected to represent First Pioneer Farm Credit. Theron Kibbe was re-elected to represent Farm Credit of Western New York. Ed Schoen was re-elected to represent Dairy Farmers of America. And, our newest addition, Paul Saenger, a livestock producer, was elected to represent Yankee Farm Credit.

Officers were re-elected at the Council's annual meeting held in Albany, NY. Will Baildon, vice-president, COBANK was re-elected to serve as President of the Council. Eric Zuber a dairy farmer and director of Upstate Niagara Cooperative and O-AT-KA Milk Products was re-elected Vice-President. Theron Kibbe, director of marketing for Farm Credit of Western New York, ACA continues to serve as Treasurer. Brian Henehan, Senior Extension Associate at Cornell University, was re-appointed Secretary.

NECC is a non-profit membership organization serving the informational and educational needs of cooperatives in New York and New England. Various types of cooperative businesses belong to the Council including: marketing, supply, credit, insurance, service and rural electric cooperatives. The mission of the Council is to stimulate the overall effectiveness of member organizations by increasing the understanding of the power of the cooperative business model among directors, members, employees, advisors, and future leaders through a working partnership of cooperative leaders and faculty at Cornell University. The Council provides an ongoing forum to foster the exchange of ideas among cooperatives here and around the world.