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State Agriculture Director Names **Wood County Resident Assistant State Veterinarian**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (April 9, 2008) – Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs has appointed Dr. Leah Dorman assistant state veterinarian for the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Division of Animal Industry. In this role, she is responsible for protecting the public and the state’s multi-billion-dollar livestock industry through disease surveillance, eradication and control. She will also plan and implement emergency management activities for the division.

This appointment comes after months of serving as the acting assistant state veterinarian at the department, in which she operated as a foreign animal disease diagnostician, coordinator of the Ohio Veterinary Emergency Responders, chairperson of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association Disaster Preparedness Committee, co-chairperson of the Ohio Department of Homeland Security’s Animal Health Emergency Technical Advisory Committee, and vice chair of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture’s Animal Health Emergency Management Committee. In her new appointment, she will continue these roles and will also begin serving on the National Veterinary Stockpile Outreach Working group.

Dorman earned her doctorate of veterinary medicine from The Ohio State University in 1995. Prior to her current post, she spent six years in private, mixed-animal practice and has also worked for ELANCO Animal Health and the University of Findlay as an adjunct professor.

Dorman is a former member of the Wood County Board of Health and is a current member of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association. She resides on a Wood County farm with her husband and three daughters.

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