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### *CDA Names New State Veterinarian*

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, John Stulp, today named Dr. Keith Roehr, of Broomfield, Colorado State Veterinarian.

“The State Veterinarian has an immense task of protecting the animals in this state from disease, neglect, and abuse. Dr. Roehr has proven his dedication to that goal,” said Commissioner of Agriculture, John Stulp. “Dr. Roehr has been a great asset to the department and I’m pleased he has accepted this position.”

The principal responsibility of the State Veterinarian involves controlling and preventing animal diseases and to promote a profitable agricultural economy. As State Veterinarian, Roehr will also oversee all programs in the Animal Industry Division and give direction to field personnel and the Rocky Mountain Regional Animal Health Laboratory. The position is also responsible for assisting state agencies, animal industries and local governments in providing assistance with animal care and welfare programs.

“The world is a much smaller place today,” said Dr. Roehr. “The security of our livestock industry is no longer a state issue but must be considered on a global level and I am looking forward to continuing to support animal health and production.”

Roehr, 53, has been employed by CDA since 1995 and has served as the Assistant State Veterinarian since 2002. Dr. Roehr also supervises the Pet Animal Care Facilities program (PACFA) and the Bureau of Animal Protection; he oversaw the daily enforcement of PACFA for approximately 10 years. He received his doctorate of veterinary medicine from Kansas State University college of Veterinary Medicine in 1981. From there, he spent over 14 years fine-tuning his skills in private practice. Roehr is the current chair of the Committee on Animal Emergency Management with the United States Animal Health Association, the past president for the Western States Livestock Health Association, and the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Authority. He has also been a member of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture, American Veterinary Medical Association and the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association.

“Dr. Roehr has proven his professionalism and integrity during the last 13 years at the department and Colorado’s agriculture industry will reap the rewards from his experience,” continued Stulp.

“I have a passion to support and protect animal agriculture as a veterinarian and am fortunate to be able to serve this industry as Colorado’s State Veterinarian,” said Roehr.

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