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## **NPPC Elects New Officers, Board Members**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., March 8, 2010** – The National Pork Producers Council at its annual business meeting – the National Pork Industry Forum – held March 4-6 in Kansas City, Mo., elected new officers and members to its board of directors.

Taking over as president of the organization is Sam Carney, a producer from Adair, Iowa. Doug Wolf, owner of Wolf L & G Farms LLC in Lancaster, Wis., was elevated to president-elect; R.C. Hunt, a producer from Wilson, N.C., was elected to the vice president's position.

Re-elected to the board for three-year terms in the producer category were Hunt; Larry Liepold from Okabena, Minn.; and Randy Spronk from Edgerton, Minn. Dr. Ron Prestidge, DVM, from South Carolina was elected to a three-year term. Al Deutsch, with AP Division of Grain Systems Inc., was elected as NPPC's allied industry representative.

"We have excellent leadership in Sam, Doug and R.C. and quality, dedicated industry representatives in the new board members who were elected," said NPPC CEO Neil Dierks. "I know that all of them will work diligently and tirelessly on behalf of America's pork producers."

In addition to the newly elected and re-elected officers and board members, continuing as NPPC directors are: Gary Asay, from Osco, Ill.; Robert Dykhuis from Holland, Mich.; Howard Hill from Cambridge, Iowa; Mark Legan, from Coatesville, Ind.; and Bill Luckey, from Columbus, Neb. Todd Neff, with Tyson Fresh Meats, remains as the representative on NPPC's Packer-Processor Industry Council. Don Butler, a pork producer from Clinton, N.C., and director of government relations and public affairs for Murphy-Brown LLC – the livestock production subsidiary of Smithfield Foods – will serve on the board as immediate past president.

Producers Phil Borgic from Illinois and Ray Summerlin from North Carolina were elected for one-year terms to NPPC's Nominating Committee, which reviews the credentials of candidates for the organization's board of directors.



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## Carney Named 2010 NPPC President

**WASHINGTON, D.C., March 8, 2010** – Sam Carney, a pork producer from Adair, Iowa, March 6 was named president of the National Pork Producers Council. He was elected to the post for a one-year term at NPPC’s annual business meeting – the National Pork Industry Forum – held March 4-6 in Kansas City, Mo.

Carney is owner and operator of Carney Farms Inc., which he runs with his son Randy. They market about 4,000 hogs annually from their wean-to-finish operation. They also have a cow-calf herd and raise corn, soybeans and hay.

For more than 20 years, Carney has served in various pork industry leadership positions, including as president of the Iowa Pork Producers Association. He has served on the NPPC board of directors for the past four years. Carney is a member of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Iowa Cattlemen’s Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association and the Iowa Soybean Association. He also has served on his local school board, Farm Service board and county extension council.

“Sam has been a long-time leader in the U.S. pork industry and brings that leadership and knowledge of pork industry issues to his new position as president of NPPC,” said NPPC CEO Neil Dierks. “He will be a valuable asset to U.S. pork producers.”



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## Wolf New NPPC President-Elect

**WASHINGTON, D.C., March 8, 2010** – Doug Wolf, a producer from Lancaster, Wis., March 6 was named president-elect of the National Pork Producers Council. He was elected to the post for a one-year term at NPPC’s annual business meeting – the National Pork Industry Forum – held March 4-6 in Kansas City, Mo.

Wolf is a partner in Wolf L & G Farms LLC, with his wife Kris and son Shannon. They run a 1,200-sow farrow-to-finish operation, which markets 24,000 hogs annually. The farm also includes a cow-calf herd, feedlot and 1,200 crop acres on which corn, soybeans and alfalfa are raised.

Wolf has served on the NPPC board of directors for the past four years. He has been involved with the Wisconsin Pork Association, the Grant County (Wis.) Pork Producers, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association.

“Doug has been a strong leader in the U.S. pork industry and brings that leadership and knowledge of pork industry issues to his new position as president-elect of NPPC,” said NPPC CEO Neil Dierks. “He is a valuable asset to U.S. pork producers.”



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## Hunt New NPPC Vice President

**WASHINGTON, D.C., March 8, 2010** – R.C. Hunt, a pork producer from Wilson, N.C., March 6 was elected to the post of vice president for the National Pork Producers Council. He was elected to the post for a one-year term at NPPC’s annual business meeting – the National Pork Industry Forum – held March 4-6 in Kansas City, Mo.

Hunt owns Andrews Hunt Farms LLC, which consists of 3,800 sows and which markets about 75,000 feeder pigs annually. The business also includes cattle production and tilapia fish as well as 1,000 crop acres on which corn, soybeans, wheat, oats and coastal Berumda grass are raised.

Hunt has served on the NPPC board of directors for the past three years and has served on a number of committees. He is chairman of NPPC’s We Care Advisory Committee. Hunt is a past president of the North Carolina Pork Council and also has affiliations with the North Carolina Agribusiness Council, North Carolina Meat Processors, North Carolina Cattleman’s Association, Wilson County (N.C.) Livestock Association, Wilson County Agribusiness and the Fish-Keepers Fish Coop. He’s on the board of trustees of Louisburg College in Louisburg, N.C., and is past president of the Wide Awake Kiwanis Club and past chairman of the board of the Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport.

“R.C. has been a strong leader in the U.S. pork industry and brings that leadership and knowledge of pork industry issues as well as a passion for what he does to his new position as vice president of NPPC,” said NPPC CEO Neil Dierks. “He is a valuable asset to U.S. pork producers.”