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### **Alberta Pulse Growers Commission hires new Pulse Industry Development Officer**

September 15, 2009 – The Alberta Pulse Growers Commission (APG) welcomes Jenn Walker as their new Pulse Industry Development Officer. Jenn is a recent Ph.D. graduate from the University of Alberta and currently operates a 1900 acre farm (including pulse and cereal crops and 300 head of cattle) with her husband near Wetaskawin, Alberta. Her experience and background will help to grow and further develop a sustainable pulse industry in Alberta.

“We are excited about the unique combination of practical and scientific knowledge that Jenn brings to the APG, as we continue to promote our association’s growth. We are confident that our commitment to research, on behalf of our members, will be further enhanced through this addition,” says Rick Mueller, chairman of the APG.

In 2008-09, APG invested in 58 production, marketing, extension and environmental research projects that are aimed at improving the profitability and competitiveness of Alberta pulse producers. Every \$1 of check-off funds invested in production research by APG is matched by \$7.80 in provincial and/or federal funding. Jenn will assume the duties of ensuring that APG investments are properly monitored and tracked.

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#### ***Alberta Pulse Growers Commission***

*The Alberta Pulse Growers (APG) is a farmer-owned organization, representing 4,500 members who grow peas, beans, chickpeas, lentils, and faba beans. Our vision is to “Have Alberta pulses recognized by consumers as environmentally friendly, healthy, nutritional, and recognized by all producers as being an essential element in a sustainable cropping system.”*

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