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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **DeGrofft elected chair of USLGE board of directors**

In February 2019, Dr. Darrel DeGrofft, co-owner of Colorado Genetics, was elected to serve as chair of the board of directors of U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. (USLGE). DeGrofft has represented the American Embryo Transfer Association (AETA) at USLGE meetings since 2009 and has served on the USLGE board since 2010. As chair, DeGrofft looks forward to working with all 56 USLGE members, the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), and Dr. Martin Sieber, president and CEO of USLGE.

USLGE is a nonprofit, nationwide trade association that brings together a broad base of U.S. livestock organizations. It represents the international marketing interests of the dairy, beef, sheep, swine, horse, and small ruminant (sheep and goat) breeding industries. Its members also include the embryo and semen industries, livestock export sector, and State Departments of Agriculture. The USLGE staff and office are located in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin.

AETA was a charter member of USLGE at its inception in 1990. Market development activities conducted by AETA's Cooperator Committee utilize funding provided by FAS and administered by USLGE. Through his involvement with the committee, DeGrofft has travelled to China, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Chile to promote U.S. genetics and embryo transfer technology. DeGrofft believes that embryos produced by AETA members are a cost effective and biosecure means of importing U.S. genetics into new and developing markets. Current countries of interest to the committee are Chile, Vietnam, and Pakistan.