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### **Nuffield Canada Launches New Agricultural Leadership Pilot Project**

#### **News release**

**Guelph, ON, January 11, 2012** – Nuffield Canada is revamping their prestigious leadership program, which has been offered in Canada for over 50 years. With a more focused itinerary which includes a new orientation process, additional skills and leadership training, and formalized mentorship committees, Nuffield Canada will better equip their scholars with the skills, international awareness and networks to make a significant contribution to the future of Canadian agriculture.”

MP Merv Tweed (Brandon-Souris), on behalf of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, announced an investment of \$181,000 to Nuffield Canada to develop and pilot this new curriculum. The timing coincided with the inaugural orientation session for the new scholars.

The first part of the redesign included in-depth interviews with past scholars and a review of other leadership programs, both in Canada and across the globe to identify gaps and opportunities. Several hundred agricultural and food organizations within Canada were also asked for input into identifying upcoming trends and issues. The pilot project is designed to be a work-in-progress with room for continuous improvement based on feedback from new scholars.

“Our Government’s top priority is the economy, and Canada’s young farmers are vital to fostering growth in our agriculture industry,” said MP Tweed. “Our Government’s investment in this program will help increase agricultural leadership and an international perspective among young farmers leading to a more profitable agricultural sector in Canada.”

Nuffield scholarships of \$15,000 each are awarded to men and women who are judged to have the greatest potential to create value for themselves, their industries and their communities through the doors which will be opened and the opportunities provided. Scholars are able to access the best production, management and marketing systems in every corner of the world. In addition to embracing the 'world's best' in agriculture, scholars gain life-long friends around

the world, and a deep understanding, and global perspective of the politics, cultures and challenges of world agriculture.

This investment allows our 2012 scholars to experience a new, revitalized Nuffield Program,” said Nuffield Chair Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote of Saskatchewan. “This revitalization of the program will increase Nuffield Canada’s stature amongst the global Nuffield organization, and will lead to future growth in the program and its positive impact on Canadian agriculture. As the new Chair of Nuffield Canada, I want to thank Minister Ritz for this opportunity and wish our scholars all the best as they move forward in this project.”

Nuffield applications must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. Scholarship application forms are available from the Nuffield website at [www.nuffield.ca](http://www.nuffield.ca).

For more information on Nuffield Canada, visit [www.nuffield.ca](http://www.nuffield.ca).

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