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NEW PLAN DEVISED FOR THE NAERIC DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC SALE 2017 AT ROYAL MANITOBA WINTER FAIR

(March 22, 2017) – The desire to find ways for continuous improvement of biosecurity/awareness measures, for the NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale and Futurity at the 2017 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, has led event organizers to suspend the sale portion of the event for this year. The Futurity portion of the 2017 event will proceed as planned. This proactive approach improves upon the biosecurity plans that are already in place for the 2017 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

Two options have been developed that will ensure the eligibility of the sale yearlings to return to the 2019 Futurity portion of the event, thereby eliminating the need for the draft horse yearlings to travel to the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in 2017.

Option #1 is offered to consignors of yearlings that prefer to pay a "sustaining" fee of \$800 to "lock in" their yearling's eligibility for the 2019 Draft Horse Classic Futurity. The fee is based upon the average sales price (\$4000) for sales conducted from 2014 to 2016. The NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Futurity sustaining fee must be received in the NAERIC office NO LATER THAN April 30, 2017. In addition, substitutions of sale yearling "slots" will be also be allowed until April 30, 2017.

Option #2 is offered to consignors of yearlings that would prefer to have their consignment return as a two-year-old and sell in the 2018 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale. Substitutions of sale yearling "slots" for potential two-year-old sale prospects will also be allowed until April 30, 2017. A minimum eligibility fee for two-year-olds will be due at time of sale and is set at \$800, consistent with that of Option #1. However, an amount equal to 20% of the final bid price will be due to ensure eligibility should the sale price exceed \$4000.

For more information about the 2017 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic event, call: (502) 245-0425, ext. 203.

The promotor of the Draft Horse Classic is the North American Equine Ranching Information Council (NAERIC). NAERIC is a non-profit association representing equine ranchers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan who collect pregnant mares' urine (PMU) from which estrogens are extracted, and used in estrogen replacement therapy. For more information go to www.naeric.org.