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TAHC Welcomes Dr. Thomas (TR) Lansford as Assistant Executive Director

AUSTIN - The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is pleased to announce that Dr. Thomas R. (T.R.) Lansford, III, has been named as the new Assistant Executive Director (AED) over Animal Health Programs. Lansford will be headquartered in the TAHC Headquarters located in Austin.

A native of south Texas, Lansford grew up near Tilden. He attended Texas A&M University-Kingsville prior to attending Texas A&M University in College Station, where he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Upon graduation, Lansford practiced veterinary medicine in a mixed animal veterinary hospital in Hondo. He then began employment with the State as a supervisory circuit veterinarian with the Texas Department of State Health Services Meat Safety Assurance (MSA) Unit. Lansford spent five years in that capacity while headquartered in Midland and then College Station. For six years after that, Lansford served as the program's assistant State director in Austin. Lansford is currently the TAHC Region 5 Director, which is headquartered in Beeville.



Dr. Lansford is married to Christy and they have two sons, 3-year-old Thomas R. (Buddy) Lansford, IV and newborn Byron James Lansford. In their spare time, they are involved with their families' ranches in the south Texas brush country and in the mountains of southwest Colorado.

"As the Texas Animal Health Commission moves forward with future endeavors to protect and serve the livestock, poultry and exotic livestock industries, I am excited to be named as the Assistant Executive Director over Animal Health Programs," Dr. Lansford commented.

Dr. Dee Ellis, TAHC Executive Director, said, "The Texas Animal Health Commission is excited to have Dr. Lansford as the new AED over Animal Health Programs. With his experience and background, Dr. Lansford will be an asset to the agency. I am pleased to welcome him into his new role in overseeing animal health and emergency management programs."

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

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