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TAHC Welcomes Dr. Joseph Blount as Stephenville Region Director

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is pleased to announce that Dr. Joseph Blount was named the Stephenville Region Director on March 14, 2022.

“The TAHC is excited to have Dr. Blount on our team,” said Dr. Angela Lackie, Assistant Executive Director for Animal Health Programs. “We know he will be a great asset in the Stephenville Region and look forward to the positive impact he will have in ensuring the health of Texas livestock and poultry.”

Dr. Blount grew up in San Augustine, Texas on a commercial broiler and cow calf operation. He attended Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Poultry Science in 2015 and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree in 2020.



“My father served the state as Resident Director of the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) Poultry Diagnostic Laboratory in Center, Texas for 34.5 years,” said Dr. Blount. “His long, distinguished service to our state’s animal health played a huge role in my interests and decision to join TAHC and will continue to motivate me to serve with the same integrity he did.”

Dr. Blount spent two years after graduation in the commercial embryo transfer industry specializing in bovine IVF collection and transfer services. Dr. Blount and his wife Dr. Erika Wiggs, a veterinarian in Hamilton, Texas, are expecting their first child in May.

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