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## ***Illinois Processor and Retailer Tom Inboden Elected AAMP President***

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA (July 29, 2009) – Tom Inboden, owner of Inboden Meats Ltd., DeKalb, IL, was recently elected President of the American Association of Meat Processors at the 70<sup>th</sup> American Convention of Meat Processors and Suppliers' Exhibition in Omaha, NE. Inboden worked his way through the AAMP Board chairs, serving as the Association's 1<sup>st</sup>

Vice President and Treasurer before he took charge of his presidential duties on July 18, 2009.

Tom and his family business were recently featured in the July, 2009, edition of Meat & Poultry magazine. He took over a 1,500 square foot mini-supermarket in 1975 that was originally started by his parents. Competition has always been tough around the DeKalb community, but a few years back Tom and his wife, Ingrid, realized that while their business was successful, it wasn't living up to its potential. After crunching the numbers, they came to the realization that the meat department made the money to subsidize all the other departments in the store. They spent countless hours going to fancy food and supermarket shows to learn that not only could each department be self-sufficient, but they each could be independently profitable. Utilizing their keen sense of business over the past years, they have expanded into a 9,000 square foot specialty marketplace selling top quality fresh meat, processed meat, seafood, cheeses, breads, fruits, vegetables and wines. Tom has been very active with AAMP and looks forward to leading AAMP throughout the coming year. Inboden succeeds Dennis Schardt, Den's Country Meats, Inc., Table Rock, NE, who will remain on the Board of Directors as the Immediate Past President.

Daniel Glier, Glier's Meats Inc., Covington, KY, took over the office of Treasurer and Jon Frohling, Frohling Meats Inc., Hecla, SD, was elected as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Daniel Weber, Weber Meats of Geneseo Inc., Geneseo, IL, was elected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (*also serving as Region 3 Director*), and Tim Haen, Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna, WI, was elected as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (*also serving as Region 4 Director*).

The newly-elected Directors are Bob Filbrandt, Bob's Processing Inc., South Haven, MI (Region 3); and Kevin Western, Western's Smokehouse & Meat Market, Greentop, MO (Region 5). The new Director-At-Large is Wayne Beckman, Kensington Lockers Inc., Kensington, KS; and the new Supplier Director is Kathi Jones, KOCH Equipment LLC, Kansas City, MO. Sep Harvin, Harvin Choice Meats, Sumter, SC (Region 2) and Robert Dees, Dees Meat Processing, Galt, CA (Region 9) were elected for a one year extension to continue on the AAMP Board of Directors.

Continuing on the Board are Charles Armitage, Uncle Charley's Sausage Co., Vandergrift, PA (Region 1); Louis Sredy, LaRue Meat Processing, Somerset, PA (Region 1); Floyd Poché, Poché's Market, Rest. & Smoke House, Breaux Bridge, LA (Region 6); David Haworth, Clark's Meat House, Inc., Riverton, WY (Region 7); Jerry Haun, Haun's Meat and Sausage LLC, Walla Walla, WA (Region 8); Greg Endres, Greg's Meat Processing, Hampton, MN (Director-At-Large); Michael Sloan, Swiss Meat & Sausage Co., Hermann, MO (Director-At-Large); as well as Supplier Directors Brett Walton, Mid-Western Research & Supply, Inc., Wichita, KS; and Rand Thomas, Harbro Packaging Company, Chicago, IL.