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### Agricultural Situation

### New Chief Veterinary Officer

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**Report Highlights:**

Chief Veterinary Officer, Jim Scudamore, is to retire in March 2004. His successor has been named as Dr. Debby Reynolds.

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The UK's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) has appointed Dr Debby Reynolds BVSc, PhD, MRCVS as the next Chief Veterinary Officer. She will succeed Jim Scudamore BSc, BVSc, MRCVS, when he retires on 23 March, 2004. Dr Reynolds is currently Veterinary Director at the Food Standards Agency.

Dr Reynolds qualified as a veterinary surgeon, with honors from the University of Bristol. She has a PhD, "The Epidemiology of enteric viruses in calves" from the University of Reading and is a member of the UK Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

In her early career, Dr Reynolds was a Veterinary Research Officer at the Institute of Animal Health. She joined Great Britain's State Veterinary Service in 1984, working in the Veterinary Investigation Service at Reading until 1991 and at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food's (MAFF) veterinary headquarters until 1994. She was then Head of the Bacteriology Department at the Veterinary Laboratories Agency from 1994-7, before becoming MAFF's Head of Endemic Animal Disease and Zoonoses until she took up her present appointment at the Food Standards Agency in 2001.