## AIC elects Angela Booth as new Chair

The Agricultural Industries Confederation(AIC) – the UK trade association representing the agricultural supply chain, including arable marketing, crop protection and agronomy, feed, fertiliser and seed – has announced the election of Angela Booth as its new Chair.

Angela brings many years of broad experience in the industry, including 8 years as Chair of the AIC Feed Executive Committee, Chair of the FEFAC Feed Safety Committee and a member of ACAF. She is currently Director of Feed Safety for AB Agri.

"I'm delighted to be elected to the position of Chair of the AIC Board, an organisation which continues to act as the leading voice for the UK agrisupply industry," says Angela Booth. "We are facing unprecedented change in our industry, making AIC's role as the leading voice for agrisupply trade members more vital than ever."

"AIC's members are key in supporting arable and livestock producers with their extensive knowledge and expert guidance. As it becomes more important than ever to both produce food efficiently and manage our natural resources, AIC will be a strong voice for its members in discussions with government, NGOs, and relevant bodies both in and outside the UK."

"Angela has been a key figure at the AIC, promoting members' interests across the UK agriculture industry", says Robert Sheasby, Chief Executive of AIC, "and I'm delighted she will continue this in her new role as Chair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew McShane, for his huge contribution over the last two years of his chairmanship. He has been an unswerving support, providing the Board with a clear and concise vision as we have navigated through the implications of EU Exit and more recently Covid-19".

"As the agriculture sector continues to face a growing number of challenges and opportunities in the coming years, we need the insight and forward vision of leaders like Angela who will provide AIC members with a strong voice and informed outlook and I am looking forward to working closely with her in demonstrating the agrisupply sectors absolutely pivotal role in the UK's increasingly sustainable food supply chain".

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## **About AIC**

AIC is the UK trade association representing the agricultural supply chain sectors of Arable Marketing, Crop Protection and Agronomy, Feed, Fertiliser and Seeds, since its inception in 2003. In all, AIC represents members responsible for some £9 billion of farm trade. A significant part of its work is political lobbying and influencing as well as supporting members with technical information.

AIC Services, which is the professional services arm of AIC manages a range of services, including Assurance Schemes recognised by UK government as essential tools to underpin feed & food safety alongside fertiliser security. Currently these include:

TASCC Trade Assurance Scheme for Combinable Crops

FEMAS Feed Materials Assurance Scheme

UFAS Universal Feed Assurance Scheme

ESTA European Seed Treatment Assurance

FIAS Fertiliser Industry Assurance Scheme

FAR Feed Adviser Register

RED Renewable Energy Directive

FAA Forage Assurance Scheme

APOCS AIC Services Palm Oil Credit Scheme