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DeHaven To Leave APHIS

Ron DeHaven, DVM, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, has been named the new executive vice president at the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). With more than 25 years of public health experience, DeHaven will succeed Bruce Little, DVM, who is retiring this year after service as executive vice president since 1996.

"This position at the AVMA will provide me an exciting opportunity to give back to the profession. I will be in a leadership position in the organization that represents 75,000 veterinarians at a time when the profession is at a crossroads. We are facing a future where the intersection of animal health, public health and food-supply veterinary medicine is becoming critical to meeting the needs of a global society," DeHaven said.

DeHaven is planning to remain in his position at APHIS for a few months to ensure an orderly transition for USDA.