Biography for Joel G. Newman

Joel G. Newman is the American Feed Industry Association’s president, CEO and corporate treasurer. He also serves as the president of the Institute for Feed Education and Research, AFIA’s public charity, and represents AFIA on international issues, including serving on the International Feed Industry Federation’s board of directors.

Newman previously served as AFIA’s chairman of the Board from May 2004 to September 2004. After joining AFIA’s staff in the fall of 2004, Newman brought an exciting, new vision to the association and has effectively led the membership and staff through a landmark era of change.

Newman has more than three decades of diverse executive experience in agribusiness, including roles with United Cooperative Farmers, Maple Leaf Foods and Agway.

Newman holds a master’s degree in finance and marketing from Syracuse University and a bachelor's degree in animal science from West Virginia University.

Founded in 1909, AFIA, based in Arlington, Va., is the world’s largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal food industry and its suppliers. The organization’s membership is comprised of more than 680 domestic and international companies that represent the total feed industry — manufacturers of commercial and integrated feed and pet food, ingredient suppliers, pharmaceutical companies, industry support and equipment manufacturers. AFIA members manufacture more than 75 percent of the feed and 70 percent of the non-grain ingredients used in the country. AFIA is also recognized as the leader on international industry developments and holds membership in the International Feed Industry Federation.