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SCOTTISH TENANTS MOURN THE LOSS OF FELLOW FARMER

STFA, along with the rest of the agricultural community in Scotland is stunned to hear the news the tragic and premature death of Andrew Riddell of Peaston Farm near Ormiston East Lothian on Tuesday this week.

Chairman Angus McCall said; "This is very distressing and sad, first and foremost for Andrew's family to whom the deepest sympathy and understanding is extended but it has shocked and cast a deep gloom over the wider agricultural community.

For all of us who knew Andrew as a friend and fellow farmer he was regarded as a genuinely good and decent guy, dedicated to his children and wider family. He had an attractive personality, unassuming with natural easy good manners and he was excellent company.

He was a very talented and highly respected tenant farmer, bright, capable, articulate, progressive and talented in the field of agronomy which he was passionate about. Peaston Farm had been farmed by the Riddell family for over a century and was regarded as a model of good husbandry reflecting Andrew's great ability as a farmer.

Andrew had been a serving Director of STFA for several years and this news has come as a great shock to his fellow Directors. He was due to vacate the family farm in November of this year following a prolonged legal battle to hang on the tenure of Peaston. It is understood that Andrew had just completed his final harvest when this when this tragedy occurred. Andrew will be mourned and very sadly missed by all and our thoughts are especially with his young family at this time.