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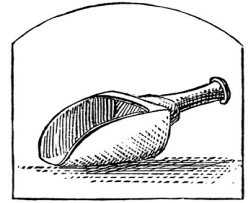
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Message from President Line Théroux
Members and partners

As you know, 2013 was a little better than 2012 for all of us in the swine industry, primarily due to the lower cost of feed.

This was welcome news, given the bad economic background which producers have faced in recent years.

The difficulties experienced in the industry have caused major changes in the profile of the Canadian swine industry and this has unfortunately led to the end of activities for a large number of small family businesses.

Despite the lull in 2013, there is still significant movement within the industry. In Quebec, the latest news concerning swine genetics was the sale of Genetiporc to Genus, a British company.

You may have noticed that the trend is still going in the direction of the concentration of activities in the hands of big players, which are less and less likely to share the market.

Is the monopolization of the market share by a small number of companies inevitable?

If this is not the case, it is time to deal with the situation in order not to further burden the number of independent companies that remain.

It is likely that the small independent family businesses lost today can never be replaced.

You, farmers and independent producers who are still in business, you must work hand in hand, in collaboration with organizations that represent you, in order to be able to continue to assert your interests and have a say when it comes time to defend your position within the swine industry to governments and organizations.

CSBA is set up to support you. Do not hesitate to contact us, as by working together, we can help each other.

In Quebec, we are renewing the agreement to develop markets for commercial hogs and we hope that this new agreement will give a competitive advantage to independent producers.

To do this, however, requires that farmers and producers are sitting at the negotiating table together to be heard.

In a world where competition is increasingly fierce, it is not only important to be active and to be heard, but it is also important to work as a team.

Together, we can achieve more things and today, more than ever, this principle must be understood by the farmers and independent producers who remain. We all want a prosperous future for the next generation to carry on.

sincerely

Line Théroux

President

Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs

Over 4700 submissions, representing 32,340 individual comments, were received on the draft Code of Practice for the care and handling of pigs when the public comment period closed on August 3rd. Submissions came from across Canada, the United States and around the world. Producers, processors, veterinarians, animal welfare advocates, the general public and many others contributed valuable input that will now be considered by the pig Code Development Committee. Gestation stalls, castration, space allowance, lighting were all topics under consideration. Members of the National Farm Animal Care Council's Pig Code Development Committee met in August to discuss public comments on a draft updated Pig Code of Practice and will meet again in November. Codes of Practice represent our national understanding of animal care requirements and recommended practices. They are developed utilizing a multi-stakeholder, consensus based process that involves producers, processors, veterinarians, animal welfare researchers, animal welfare advocates, governments and other expertise in animal welfare. This collective decision-making model enables informed discussion on animal welfare issues that leads to realistic outcomes for real and continuous improvements in animal welfare. Committee members are required to reach a consensus before the code can be finalized.



PigTrace Update

September 2013



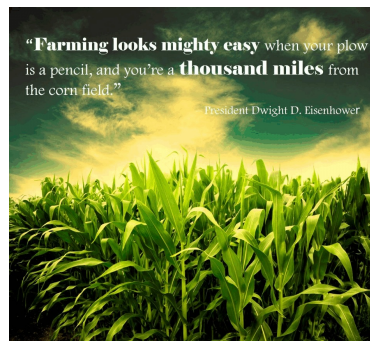
DATE SET FOR MANDATORY TRACEABILITY

The Government of Canada and the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) have agreed that mandatory requirements for the PigTrace Canada program will take effect on July 1, 2014. Federal regulation of PigTrace Canada, the national swine traceability system, is an important step towards building an effective program that responds to disease outbreaks and food safety emergencies. To protect the pork industry, PigTrace aims to provide animal health and food safety officials with the best possible information regarding pig identification and movement between locations. For that to happen, the program needs the entire Canadian pork industry to participate. Since proposed amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations were published by the Government of Canada during the summer of 2012, the CPC and its partners have worked with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on an appropriate timeline to implement the traceability program and make it mandatory under federal law. July 1, 2014 sets a reasonable timeframe to allow the CPC and its provincial member organizations to continue to grow the program. If you have any questions or concerns please visit www.pigtrace.ca, contact your local provincial pork office, or contact Jeff Clark, Manager of PigTrace Canada at 204-237-7447 or via email at clark@cpc-ccp.com. PigTrace Canada is an initiative of the Canadian Pork Council. This project was made possible by funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) through its Canadian Integrated Food Safety Initiative (CIFS) Program.

BUY CANADIAN PORK

When you shop, look for this label to identify pork produced in Canada.

Canadian pork is of the highest quality – and buying Canadian helps support local farmers and businesses!



Recipe - Slow Cooked Sweet & Sour Pork

Each Pork Board across Canada has very interesting web sites, with lots of current information. The following recipe is from PEI's site, courtesy of the Food Network. <http://peiflavours.ca/celebrate>

Ingredients

3 cups cubed peeled potatoes (Idaho or Yukon gold)

1 cup chopped onion

3 pound pork roast, trimmed

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 cup water

1/2 cup ketchup

3 tablespoons red wine vinegar

2 tablespoons light brown sugar

2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Salt

Directions: Arrange potatoes and onion in bottom of slow cooker. Place pork on top of potatoes and onion. Spread garlic all over pork. In a medium bowl, whisk together water, ketchup, vinegar, sugar, soy sauce, mustard, black pepper and salt. Pour mixture over pork. Cover and cook on LOW for 6 to 8 hours or on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours. Slice pork crosswise into thin slices. Serve with all of potatoes, onions, and sauce.



Tractors

Probably a lot of you grew up driving a Ford 8N tractor. My three sisters and I all grew up driving this tractor (red belly) at Mom & Dad's farm in the hills of North Easthope, near Stratford, Ontario. If you have a minute, copy and paste this link to your web browser and watch this video on youtube interviewing the engineer who designed one of the most popular tractors ever manufactured. Harold Brock is the legendary designer of the Ford 8N Tractor and the John Deere 4020, two of the world's important advancements in tractor technology. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=1NRQowoDnis#t=521.
.....Nancy



1959 - My Dad



1999 - still looking good, with 5 of their 10 grandchildren (my two kids are driving the mini-bike and at the wheel of the tractor)

PED

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) causes acute diarrhea and vomiting in pigs of all ages and up to 100% mortality in nursing pigs. The following information is courtesy of CDPO, FPPQ and Équipe québécoise de santé porcine (EQSP).

STATUS



An outbreak of porcine epidemic diarrhea (PED) is currently taking place in the United States. This is the first time this disease is reported in North America. The first case was reported in April 2013 in Ohio. No cases have been diagnosed in Canada. Trucks from the United States currently represent the main threat to introduction of the virus in to Canada.

RISK OF CONTAMINATION AT THE FARM

The virus is spread through the feces of infected animals.

HOW TO DETECT?

Clinical signs of the disease:

Unweaned piglets: extreme diarrhea; accompanied by vomiting.

Nursery pigs and grower pigs: anorexia, extreme diarrhea or soft feces.

Adult pigs (sows and boars): apathy and anorexia ,

diarrhea or soft faeces and some vomiting.

ACT QUICKLY

In cases of suspicious clinical signs at the farm , it is important to consult your veterinarian immediately.

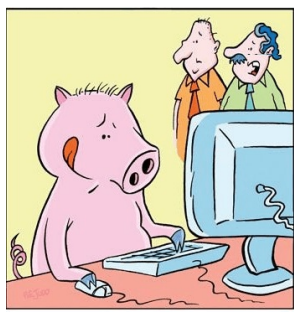
BIOSECURITY MEASURES RECOMMENDED

- 1 . When trucks arrive at your farm, do a visual inspection of the trailer to check for cleanliness.
- 2 . The producer must remain within the building.
- 3 . The driver of the truck carrying pigs must remain outside the building
- 4 . Loading docks must be washed and disinfected immediately.
 - a. Maintain all records pertaining to transportation: dates of arrival and departure of animals , name and contact at the trucking company, truck number and name of trucker.
5. Tighten all biosecurity measures, especially visitors :
 - a. Admit only essential visitors.
 - b . Have visitors sign in with time and date of visit.
 - c . Strictly apply the principles of Danish corridor (one-way travel, wash hands, wear disposable gloves; provide clothing (coveralls) and shoes (clean or disposable boots)).
- 6 . Use truckers who wash and disinfect after each trip
- 7 . If you are unable to load the animals into a trailer that has been washed and disinfected, transfer the pigs from your truck to the trucking company's truck.
- 8 . If you take your own pigs off the farm (slaughterhouse, sale, stockyards), be sure to wash , disinfect and dry the truck and the equipment used before going back to your farm.



Low Stress Pig Handling

It is important that only one person move pigs at any time. If someone is visible or moving or making noise to the side or ahead of the pigs while someone is behind them, they are likely to stop, turn back, or bunch together and refuse to move. Any movement or sounds (people talking, squeaky boots, water running, wind blowing) will make them stop and listen. Calm pigs are easier to sort and separate than excited pigs. Move slowly. Excited pigs stick together and are more difficult to separate.



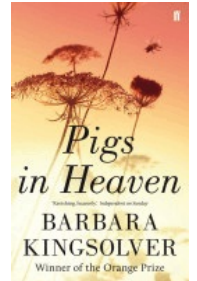
"He's our Spam expert!"

I know there's a farmer out there somewhere who never wants a PC and that's fine with me. Bill Gates If you are one of the farmers who has a PC, here are some interesting sites.

www.runpigrun.com. SWINE SOUTHERN TABLE & BAR.....if you are ever in Miami, Florida.....Harry Truman once said, "No man should be allowed to be president who does not understand hogs." A house of worship to the porcine pursuits. A place to gather with friends, sip a little whiskey and be treated to some classic Southern cooking, culture and hospitality. We'll keep a place set for you.

www.dinnerstartshere.ca. Through this website you'll meet a group of young farmers from Ontario who are passionate about their chosen careers in agriculture, their livestock and their crops. In their blogs, you'll learn about their day to day lives and how they're producing everything from berries to beef, milk and eggs to wheat, soybeans, potatoes and maple syrup.

I haven't seen this book at the library or in book stores yet, but I think I will have to read it!!! Let me know if you have!Nancy



13 EU countries are now sow stall ban compliant

The European Commission has released its latest report on partial stall ban compliance across the European Union. Thirteen EU member states are now sow stall ban compliant, according to a report from the European Commission. European Union animal welfare legislation banning sow stalls went into effect on January 1, 2013. Compliant member states include Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Malta, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

Welcome to new CSBA members

Big Hill Farms. Megan Ducharme. Winfield AB

Jack Rea. Dapp AB

Nicholas Newton. Armstrong BC

Heidi Green. Little Green Ranch. Mara BC

Peter Buschman. Cleveland NS

Celine Cote. Ferme Nico. Embrun ON

Joanne Cameron. Cameron's Folly Farm. Balderson ON

Ron Cascone. Orillia ON

Jerome Cyr. Maria QC

Rick & Melinda Knittel. Lucky Lane. Montmartre SK



CSBA Office News. Introducing Carie Dusick



I began working for CSBA part time in February and was happy to accept the full time position in July. I have been married for almost 10 years, and have 2 beautiful little girls. As a city girl, I entered the swine industry not knowing very much and in fact, I have never actually been at a farm! Through online newsletters, magazines, conversations with Nancy and Rosemary, I am learning more about the industry and the terminology every day. Who knew there were so many breeds of pigs? I am looking forward to the upcoming "Big Bug" seminar in October to further my knowledge and meet others in the industry. I have had the pleasure of meeting a few of our members and corresponding with others through email and telephone and I look forward to getting to know more in the future.

The Farmer's Creed

I believe in a permanent agriculture; a soil that will grow richer rather than poorer from year to year.
I believe in 100-bushel corn and in 50-bushel wheat, and I shall not be satisfied with anything less.
I believe that the only good weed is a dead weed, and that a clean farm is as important as a clean conscience.

I believe in the farm boy and in the farm girl, the farmer's best crops, the future's best hope.

I believe in the farm woman and will do all in my power to make her life easier and happier.

I believe in the country school that prepares for country life and a country church that teaches its people to love deeply and live honorably.

I believe in community spirit, a pride in home and neighbors, and I will do my part to make my community the best in the State.

I believe in the farmer, I believe in farm life, I believe in the inspiration of the open country.

I am proud to be a farmer, and I will try earnestly to be worthy of the name.

--By Frank I. Mann, published 1914

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