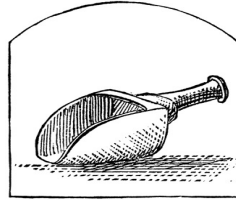




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“ My grandfather used to say that once in your life you need a doctor, a lawyer, a policeman and a preacher but every day, three times a day, you need a farmer. ”

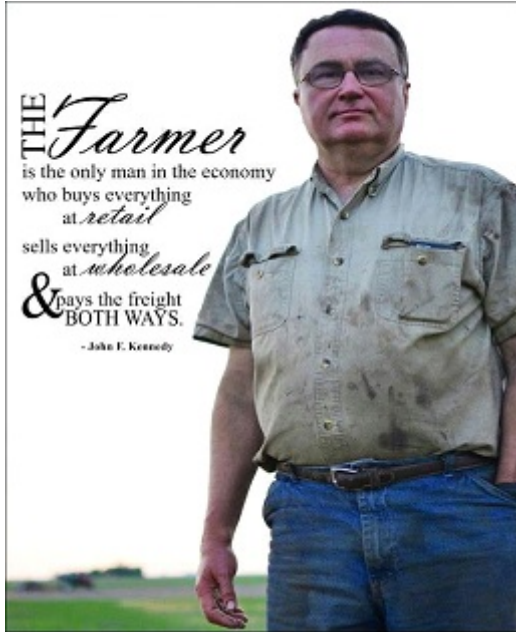
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1. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is almost over and the kids are back to school. Canadian Livestock Records Corp. has told me that swine registrations are up by 15.2% to the end of July, and upcoming export orders will increase this further. This is great news considering the drought that has affected many areas of North America, producing record high feed costs. We are already seeing some liquidation. This liquidation will push livestock prices lower. As more and more farms get larger, health is becoming a bigger and bigger issue. Remember 85% -90% of disease transmission is pig to pig so if you are tired of continuous health issues in your herd and are considering a re-pop, call a Canadian purebred breeder to discuss how you can bring in GGP nucleus animals and close the door to disease and have better quality, faster growing, more uniform commercial pigs for the slaughter market. A closed herd system producing your own F1 gilts is far more economical and eliminates the risk of bringing in a new disease every time you introduce new gilts. Re-populating the herd, upgrading, repairing facilities, and restocking with healthy Canadian genetics will bring a renewed sense of pride, enthusiasm, and purpose to you and your family and employees. This feeling of rejuvenation and sharper management focus will make work more enjoyable and improve financial returns. The saving on vaccination, treatment, lower mortality rates and the added benefit of better quality will amaze you. On top of all this you are buying Canadian genetics from a family farm. Jim Donaldson

2. 2011 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE (<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca>)

Some interesting stats from last year's Census.....in 2011, Canada had 205,730 census farms, a decrease of 10.3% (or 23,643 farms) since the last census. The total land on farms stands at 160,155,748 acres, down 4.1% since 2006. Compared to 2006, the average size of a Canadian farm increased from 728 acres to 778 acres, a growth of 6.9%. For the first time, operators in the age group 55 and over represented the largest share of total operators. They accounted for 48.3% compared to 40.7% in 2006, up from 32.1% in 1991. Gross farm receipts grew by 3.9% (at 2010 constant prices) since 2005 in Canada. This growth occurred primarily on larger farms. Since 2006, the number of pigs in the country decreased by 15.7%, falling to 12.7 million in 2011. The number of farms reporting pigs decreased to 7,371 in 2011, a 35.9% drop. Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba maintained their respective positions as the provinces reporting the most pigs. The industry continued moving towards larger farms, with the average number of pigs per farm increasing to 1,720 in 2011, a 31.5% increase since 2006.



3. NEW MEMBERS TO CSBA

We are very pleased to welcome 3 new members to CSBA since our last newsletter in May.
Adam & Milana Fasoli. Irricana, AB
Reuben Neson, Townsend Farm. Woodridge, MB.
Adam Mastine-Frost. Kingsey Falls, QC

4. Canadian Pork Council (CPC). PigTrace Canada

Formed in 1966, the CPC is composed of membership from the nine provincial hog industry organizations, representing the national interests of over 12,000 hog producers. PigTrace Canada is an industry-lead initiative of the CPC (www.cpc-ccp.com). The goal of the program is to reduce the impact of a foreign animal disease outbreak or food safety issue affecting the Canadian pork sector by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the investigation. Quickly locating and eliminating a problem reduces export market disruptions that would result from trade embargos imposed by border closure. The requirements of the PigTrace Canada program are for all custodians of pigs to report movement information at the time of sending and receiving animals. The system infrastructure is nearly ready to receive movement reporting information from industry. Further information can be found at www.pigtrace.ca. Questions and comments can be directed to Jeff Clark, Manager of PigTrace Canada at 204 237 7447 or via email at clark@cpc-ccp.com.

5. HISTORY

We would like to thank Terry Krysak from Shelburne, Ontario who telephoned us in June and told us he had some papers from his grandfather, Harry Topolnicky, Ukalta, Alberta that he thought

we might be interested in. Terry sent us his grandfather's 1944 membership receipt (cost \$2.00), a pedigree issued in 1937, for a Yorkshire female Cotteswood Bess bred by Farquhar & Moore, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta and transferred to Mr. Topolnicky, some newspaper clippings of the grand champion boar at Calgary Exhibition and the grand champion boar at Regina from 1941, receipts from purebred sales in 1942, sow breeding records and his grandfather's Canadian Swine Breeders Private Breeding Record book, which are all available to be seen on our website (www.canswine.ca), click on the Archives tab or at our office in Wodostock, Ontario. We really appreciate Terry tracking us down to pass these documents on to us.



6. Canadian Swine Industry News

Hog production and exporting pork contributes \$9.28 billion to the Canadian economy. Canada is a leader in the international pork industry, with export markets accounting for over 50% of the Canadian hog production. Our products are currently exported to over 143 countries.

In July, the World Trade Organization's Appellate Body confirmed that the Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) discriminates against Canadian livestock in the U.S. marketplace. The WTO's decision was on an appeal the United States (US) made of a WTO ruling from last November. At that time, the WTO ruled that the US COOL violated international trading rules, discriminated against foreign livestock and was inconsistent with the US's WTO trade obligations. COOL has been criticized on both sides of the border, as well as in Mexico, for disrupting an industry that has



come to depend on easy movement of live animals and processed meat products. Canadian statistics show that exports of slaughter hogs declined 58 per cent. In its ruling, the appeal panel decided the American regulations severely discriminate against Canadian and Mexican producers. It found only a small part of the data that non-US producers were required to collect was passed on to consumers, while American producers did not have to keep such records.

Biosecurity Reminder. We recently received an email from CFIA, stressing the importance for breeders to take appropriate biosecurity measures to protect the health of their animals and people who may have contact with them. The emergence of the variant H3N2 influenza virus in people and pigs in the United States is a strong reminder of the importance of practising on-farm biosecurity and spotting signs of disease early. The Public Health Agency of Canada has issued a Public Health Notice advising people to take precautions when attending fall fairs or petting zoos. Although the seasonal flu vaccine does not protect against this particular variant H3N2 influenza virus, the Public Health Agency recommends that people who have regular contact with pigs, such as farm workers and veterinarians should receive seasonal flu vaccinations. People who are sick should avoid contact with pigs. Effective on-farm biosecurity is the best way to prevent the

introduction and limit the spread of diseases such as influenza in pigs. Here are some steps that producers can take:

- properly clean barns, equipment, clothing and footwear
- identify and segregate sick animals as early as possible
- consult a veterinarian if you believe your animals are sick

Influenza viruses typically cause the following symptoms in pigs: fever, loss of appetite, weight loss, coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge and difficulty breathing.

7. Recipe Corner

I have not tried the puffs yet, but want to.....I tried the second recipe for a Grey Cup Sunday party last year and it was a wonderful thing!!!! Let me know if you try these recipes or if you have any you would like to share.....Nancy

Sausage Pizza Puffs



- 3/4 cup flour
- 3/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 4 oz mozzarella cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 4 oz low-fat sausage, cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce

Pre-heat the oven to 375°. Grease a 24-cup mini-muffin pan. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, garlic powder and baking powder; whisk in the milk and egg. Stir in the mozzarella, sausage and pepperoni; let stand for 10 minutes. Stir the batter and divide among the mini-muffin cups. Bake until puffed and golden, 20 to 25 minutes. Meanwhile, microwave the pizza sauce until warmed through. Serve the puffs with the pizza sauce for dipping.

Cheddar Bacon Ranch Pulls (a.k.a. Crack Bread)

- 1 unsliced loaf of (round is preferable) sourdough bread
- 8-12 oz cheddar cheese, thinly sliced
- 3 oz. Bacon Bits
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp Ranch dressing mix

Using a sharp bread knife cut the bread going both directions. Do not cut through the bottom crust. Place slices of cheese in between cuts. Sprinkle bacon bits on bread, making sure to get in between cuts. Mix together butter and Ranch dressing mix. Pour over bread. Wrap in foil the entire loaf in foil and place on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Unwrap. Bake for an additional 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted.



8. Twitter, Websites and APPS

Twitter. I am fairly new to Twitter, but it is a fun way to connect with people.....if you are on Twitter, these are some of the 474 people that I (@NancyWeicker) follow:

Scott Dingwell: @farmboy961. Scott's tag line says "Island Hog Farmer. Working on survival and differentiated markets for myself and other farmers. Commodity is not a happy place. I still have no wisdom.

John Gough: @baconsinger. John is one of our directors from Ontario.

Scott Richmond: @bestPORKintown. Producer, Provider, Problem Solver, BBQer!! Specializing in Swine Genetics and no-till Corn and Bean Growing.

Stephen Harper: @pmharper

Corn Field: @marchplant12. I'm a corn field planted Mar 20th 2012 - i'm 25 to 75 acres depending on what coffee shop you are in - most don't give me much of a chance - but we'll see

Apps. I love my i-phone and have a lot of APPS....some of my favourites...

Timmy Time. This App is design to do one thing and one thing only. Find you Tim Horton locations

Convert Units. metric to imperial

Scan Life. When you see barcodes in newspaper or magazine ads, this is the app you need to scan them to get more info

Tipster. Calculates the tip you want to leave and divides the total by number of guests to figure out how much you each owe (my sisters and I need this!!!)

1 click photo album. I like this to keep my pictures of my cute one year old grandson separate from other pics so I can always show him off quickly!

The weather network. you probably already have this one!

Websites.

www.showmystreet.com. amazingly quick to find any address in the world.

www.tractorcanada.com. follow this tractor's trail across Canada.

www.pinterest.com. think of it as a neverending file cabinet for things you find on the web that you want to save. It can become addictive!!!!

www.evernote.com. handy for making to do lists or notes on your phone or your laptop or desktop and and then syncs with everything so you can access at home anywhere.

If you have questions about any of the above, call, tweet or email me.....Nancy

9. CSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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