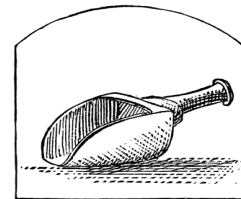




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## THE SCOOP December 2013



Message from President Line Théroux

Dear members and partners,

Another year ends for us in the pig industry. As mentioned in my last greetings to you, 2013 turned out to be less difficult than the previous year. However, for many and especially for independent producers, this year has not been altogether free from its share of worries and bad news.

If, like me, you have reached the end of this year with the impression that you had to give more than 100% to keep your head above water, I want to let you know that you are not alone in this cruise. Always remember that the quality of Canadian pork is undeniable and always openly acknowledged, both in our own domestic market and internationally. In 2014, if the Canadian swine industry is able to avoid the introduction of the health crisis (PED) that is raging in the United States, we will at last benefit with some lucrative years.

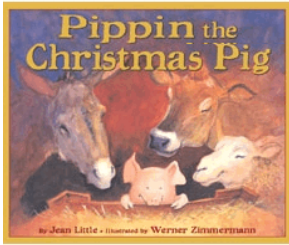
In addition to business, however, we all know that to keep going in difficult times, we must take time to rest. So I sincerely hope that this holiday season is rich in moments of happiness with your friends and family. Enjoy moments with the people you love and I wish with all my heart that next year will be marked by peace, happiness, health, success and prosperity.

Line Théroux  
President

### Canadian Pork Council, PigTrace Canada

*The mandatory reporting of the movement of pigs in Canada is set to begin in the summer of 2014. The Canadian Pork Council (CPC) says its provincial member organizations are preparing for the regulatory amendment to the federal Health of Animals Regulation. CPC will initiate a comprehensive outreach campaign on PigTrace in January 2014. For more information on PigTrace and producer requirements to report animal movement under the regulations starting July 1, 2014, visit [www.pigtrace.ca](http://www.pigtrace.ca)*

**CSBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014**  
**More details to follow**



Pippin, The Christmas Pig. By Jean Little, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Illustrated by Werner Zimmermann, Lion's Head, Ontario, Canada.

All of the animals boast to Little Pippin the Pig about the important gifts their great-grandparents gave to the special baby born in a stable long ago. When Pippin asks what the pigs gave, the animals scoff - what could a pig have given a holy child? Soon all the animals learn that the most important gift of all is a caring heart.

### Canadian Swine Health Board

*The Canadian Swine Health Board (CSHB) is encouraging pork producers and their farm workers to get their seasonal flu vaccination in order to protect the health of both pigs and people. [www.swinehealth.ca](http://www.swinehealth.ca). Vaccination protects people against influenza viruses and lessens the chances of workers transmitting the virus to pigs. Workers who have influenza like symptoms are also encouraged to stay away from pigs.*

### Some Interesting Websites.....

What does the farmer say? Another great music video on youtube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyMv4kkSCvk>

From the family farm that brought you such hits as "I'm Farming and I Grow It" and "Farmer Style" comes the latest musical take on farm life "Chore" – a parody of Katy Perry's hit song "Roar". In this soon to be classic farm parody, the Peterson brothers, Nathan, Greg, and Kendal take the pop music melody and return a funny and charming look at daily chores on their livestock operation. Enjoy!

Chore.....<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toyN81wZzLw>

An interesting article from Pig Progress about keeping sows outdoors.

[http://www.pigprogress.net/Home/General/2013/12/Keeping-sows-outdoors-A-dedicated-staff-is-vital-1371132W/?cmpid=NLC|pigprogress\\_themed|2013-12-10|Keeping\\_sows\\_outdoors:\\_A\\_dedicated\\_staff\\_is\\_vital](http://www.pigprogress.net/Home/General/2013/12/Keeping-sows-outdoors-A-dedicated-staff-is-vital-1371132W/?cmpid=NLC|pigprogress_themed|2013-12-10|Keeping_sows_outdoors:_A_dedicated_staff_is_vital)

### Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED)

PED has been identified in US since the spring but has not been found in Canada. Symptoms include rapid onset, highly infectious with diarrhea, vomiting and high mortality in suckling pigs and diarrhea in older pigs and sows. In the United States, there are 1200 confirmed cases. There is concern that this disease will be moved to Canada on contaminated transport trucks returning from the US. Please review the biosecurity protocol at your farm. This virus spreads primarily through feces so any bit of manure that's on a vehicle, on a pair of boots, on clothing can infect a herd of pigs. If you have a little bit of virus on one truck it can infect all the wash water in the truck wash that uses recycled water so make sure the truck washes are using fresh water. Have every truck entering your farm inspected to make sure it is absolutely clean. Make sure all incoming animals are healthy. Wash, dry and disinfect all trucks and trailers before they go back on-farm, especially those that have been in the USA.

**One third of all Canadians now live in our three biggest cities, Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver**

## Faces of Farming

Our own Scott Richmond, Braeheid Farm, Ontario, is featured on the 2014 "Faces of Farming" calendar. This is the ninth edition of the calendar which showcases photos and stories of Ontario farmers and farm families. Farm and Food Care Ontario produces this calendar to introduce the public to a few of our passionate and hardworking farmers. See more at [www.facesoffarming.ca](http://www.facesoffarming.ca). You can get to know Scott a little better by checking out his interview at



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFhaUrYkqLg&list=PLxl8ycqu125dgvifG5XoLXP\\_QPJTJD3IN](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFhaUrYkqLg&list=PLxl8ycqu125dgvifG5XoLXP_QPJTJD3IN).

Scott is a new Dad and a fifth generation farmer working with his parents, Roger and Barb, and his wife Dawn, raising pigs and growing corn and soybeans. He enjoys playing baseball, hockey and curling in his free time. Scott is also an active volunteer with many farm and community organizations. Copies of the calendar are available through the Farm & Food Care office in Guelph, by using the online order form at [www.farmfoodcare.org](http://www.farmfoodcare.org) or by calling 519-837-1326. A list of retailers is also available on the Farm & Food Care website. <http://www.farmfoodcare.org>.

*Farm & Food Care is the first of its kind in Canada; a coalition representing tens of thousands of Ontario farmers and associated businesses.*

## Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair takes place every November in the City of Toronto. The Royal is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world. It is where Canadian and international breeders, growers and exhibitors are declared champions and where hundreds of thousands of attendees come to learn, compete, shop and have a great time with friends and family. <http://www.royalfair.org>. After the First World War, lead by W.A. Dryden, a Shorthorn cattle breeder from Brooklin, Ontario had an idea to create a National agricultural exhibition that would be the showcase of the best of the best in Canadian agriculture. In 1918, he gathered all the prominent livestock associations together and outlined his vision for the exhibition. The original name was The Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada, but was later changed to The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada after His Majesty King George V granted permission to use the word "Royal". It took Dryden and his committee another 4 years to see their vision become a reality when the first Royal Agricultural Winter Fair opened November 22, 1922. Each year, champions are crowned from the best of the best in Canadian agriculture. The Ontario Junior Barrow is a youth swine show held at the Royal. The youth participate in both showmanship and conformation in the show ring. The top placing animals are then be sold in the Ontario Junior Barrow Auction.

## 2013 Junior Barrow Results

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| Grand Champion Showperson         | Sara Boersma, Chatham-Kent County                                     |
| Reserve Grand Champion Showperson | Alyssa Cronin, Huron County   |
| Grand Champion Market Pig         | Renee Robinson, Huron County<br>Purchased by: Grand Valley Fortifiers |
| Reserve Grand Champion Market Pig | Stacey Robinson, Huron County. Purchased by: South West Ontario Vets  |

Complete results are at:

<http://www.royalfair.org/sites/default/files/101%20-%20Junior%20Barrow%20Combined.pdf#overlay-con text=exhibitors/agriculture/results>

Also at the Royal, the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Young Speakers for Agriculture competition took place. Since the first competition was held at the Royal Winter Fair in honour of the International Year of the Youth in 1985, it has gone on to become the premier public speaking event in Canada for young people interested in agriculture, with more than 900 participants in total over the years. Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture is a national, bilingual competition that gives participants an opportunity to share their opinions, ideas and concerns about the Canadian agri-food industry in a five- to seven-minute prepared speech.

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| Senior Winner    | Courtney Jordan, Beausejour, Manitoba    |
| Senior runner    | Garrett Keirstead, Norton, New Brunswick |
| Junior Winner    | Madison Dymont, Burgessville, Ontario    |
| Junior runner-up | Noah Burnett, Cormack, Newfoundland      |

Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture is jointly sponsored by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and 4-H Canada. To listen to these talented, enthusiastic young people - the future of agriculture - and their excellent speeches, go to <http://www.cysa-joca.ca/core/en/photos-and-videos>

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**Wishing you and your family a  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!!!**

