



## CANADIAN SWINE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

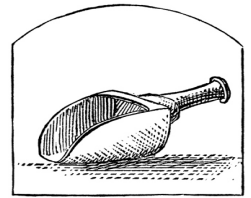
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## THE SCOOP June 28, 2013



*Message from President Line Th eroux*

*Members and partners,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I have recently been appointed President of your Association at the last board of the Canadian Swine Breeders Association (CSBA).*

*I love the work of farmers and I understand their concerns and challenges, being myself the wife of a farmer who is passionate about Yorkshire, Landrace and Duroc purebred pig production. Our farm (Ferme Rouslay ) is located in Quebec, dedicated to the selection and breeding of purebred pigs for over 50 years, passed on from father to son.*

*I sit on the Board of Directors of SEPQ and have for over 13 years. Appointed as a director within the organization in the early 2000s, I was then elected president in 2007, to this day. The first mission is to promote SEPQ genetic advancement and development of pig breeding pedigree (Yorkshire, Landrace and Duroc) and hybrid females meeting the highest genetic and health standards.*

*The genealogy of purebred pigs is at the heart of the interests and concerns of all passionate breeders and CSBA plays a key role in this area. I will try this new challenge to the best of my knowledge. I will also try to alleviate language barriers between Quebec and English-speaking provinces, and finally, I will listen to the concerns of CSBA members and industry partners.*

*Thank you for your trust*

*Line Th eroux*

*President*

### Toys R Us for Pigs

Since January 2013, providing distraction materials to pigs has become mandatory in the European Union. A host of different solutions have been shown at trade shows. A simple toy can capture their attention.

<http://www.pigprogress.net/Growing-Finishing/Environment/2013/5/Finisher-pigs-having-a-ball-1252620W/#.UZKHFVWFweg>. email. If you do not have a computer to access this video, it shows a pen of finisher pigs playing with a triangle shaped toy with three balls on top and it has been useful in preventing tail biting. Do you have toys you give to your pigs to keep them rooting on the right things? Would love to hear your ideas.



## CSBA Annual General Meeting

April 8, 2013. Quebec City. Our Annual Meeting was held in Quebec City this year, with 19 members and swine industry people attending. Motion was passed that breeders are allowed to submit performance data to CLRC to include on certificates, when a country requires it, with a footnote stating where the performance data is sourced. If you would like a copy of the 2012 Annual Report, please let us know. The Achievement Merit Award for 2012 was presented to Lucille and Denis Vadnais, Ferme Denis Vadnais by Line. Line said that Mr. Vadnais was a master in the art of selecting the best purebred Yorkshire, Landrace, Duroc and hybrid females, but he was not alone in his work to ensure excellence. His wife Lucille has always been the heart of the company's business, carefully monitoring the pedigree registrations and record keeping. Mr. & Mrs. Vadnais, each with their own strengths, one balancing the other, together were the soul of the company, since its inception more than 40 years ago. Recognized within the industry for excellence in their genetic lines, they have carved a special place in the Quebec market and hundreds of their boars were



**Left to Right: Denis & Lucille Vadnais, Line Théroux**

purchased and made available through artificial insemination centres. While busy breeding purebred pigs, Mr. and Mrs. Vadnais also created their own family, five children (three daughters and two sons). Proud parents have become proud grandparents with ten grandchildren. Located in the heart of Saint-Nicéphore in the Centre-du-Québec, they have been decorated with honors and awards in recognition of the excellence of their work and their involvement in the swine industry. Denis and Lucille Vadnais distinguished themselves and earned the respect and gratitude of peers, partners and clients. We congratulate and thank them for their hard work and their contribution to swine genetics in Canada. Lucille and Denis graciously accepted an engraved mantle clock. Denis said that to be in the swine industry for so long, improving purebred genetics, living through the low and high prices and all the hours spent working, requires passion; Denis has that passion!



**Andre & Ginette Auger, Diane & Yvon Lacasse**



**Jim Donaldson, Donald MacDonald,  
Keith Rasmuson, John Gough**



**Daniel Rousseau, Line Théroux, Lucille & Denis Vadnais**

## Code of Practice

After almost three years of work, the draft revised Code of Practice for the care and handling of farm animals has been released for public comment. It is over 60 pages, but you should read it. The code was developed by a committee of producers, packers, transporters and consumers. Canada's pork producers are leaders in the Canadian agriculture industry when it comes to developing protocols that demonstrate their collective commitment to both animal care and welfare, as well as food safety. This Code will play an important role in the pork industry's ongoing efforts to assess animal care on Canadian pig farms. The requirements and recommended practices in this document represent a challenging balance between animal welfare and the abilities of producers to affect change in an economically viable way. As the code development process involved representatives with diverse interests, not all parties fully agree with every requirement and recommendation. However, all members agree that this document represents the best achievable balance. Recommended practices encourage continuous improvement in animal care. However, failure to implement recommended practices does not imply that acceptable standards of animal care are not being met. The code is very important to producers because in many provinces, the code is the basic document that, if there's ever a concern about how animals are cared for on the farm, the code is what the judge will need to look at to determine whether the animals have been properly cared for so it becomes in effect a legal or quasi-legal document. It is really important that it is right and works for everybody involved.

<http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/pigs>.



4-H Canada.....1913-2013. Raise your hand if you belonged to a 4-H club. Yes, my hand is up and my mother was a leader for many years. Celebrating 100 years, 4-H was first created in Roland, Manitoba, in 1913, as the Boys and Girls Club. Today, 4-H is an international youth organization involving more than seven million members in 80 countries. <http://www.4-h-canada.ca>

## Rosemary Smart, Executive Director

Woodstock, Ontario – After 21 years of dedication to the Canadian swine breeding industry, Rosemary Smart is retiring, effective June 30, 2013. The Board of Directors of the Canadian Swine Exporters Association (CSEA) is pleased to announce that Mrs. Nancy Weicker has been promoted to the position of Executive Director, assuming the role from Rosemary on July 1, 2013. In March 2013, Rosemary (right) was awarded the Asian Pig Personality of the Year at the VIV show in Bangkok, Thailand.



## Twitter



So have you signed up for Twitter yet? Before you say it's not for you, consider this.....it will keep you informed about what is going on in the world as it is happening. You can follow issues which are important to you. Information on the spread of armyworm and aphid infestations, real-time information on crop performance, markets, ag policy, weather damage, or just about anything else you'd want to know. Free. Tweets can include web links to more information, and often do. You do not have to send tweets.

You do not have to use a phone to access Twitter; you can do it from your laptop or desktop computer [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com). You need to "follow" people who will give you good information about what you want to know. Suggestions: Ontario crop agriculture: Peter Johnson (aka @WheatPete), Mike Cowbrough (@cowbrough), Pat Lynch (@PatrickLynch13), Tracey Baute (@TraceyBaute) Dave Hooker (@cropdoc2). Farmers: Brent Royce (@brfarms09) Andrew Campbell (@FreshAirFarmer). Interesting: Cami Ryan (@DocCamiRyan) at U Saskatchewan. Calestous Juma (@calestous) at Harvard University. Frank N. Foode (@franknfoode). Carl the Corn Plant (@IowaCornPlant) UofGuelphOAC (@uofGuelphOAC). From smoke signals to telegrams to telex to letters to fax to email to twitter.....you can do it!

## Summer Heat and Pigs

Some simple tips to keep pigs eating through the summer heat (from Purina). Heat stress can have a major impact on performance and longevity and pigs may feel heat stressed at temperatures lower than one might think. As temperatures rise, depending upon humidity, pigs can start to experience adverse effects from heat stress, such as reduced feed intake. Heat stressed pigs have a greater potential to experience seasonal infertility, smaller litter sizes, decreased embryo survival rates and death losses, lower libido, lower sperm counts, abnormal sperm and smaller litters. Strategies for adequate air movement and cooling include: ventilation systems, air conditioning units, drip cooling, fresh-air inlets, cool cells, nose coolers and water sprinkler systems. Promote consistent feed consumption. Feed 2 to 3 smaller meals throughout the day. Feed pigs in the night or in the early morning when it is cooler to prevent significant body temperature increases. Switching from two large meals to three small meals has been shown to increase feed intake 10 to 15 percent. Provide access to quality water. Make sure the pig has access to fresh, quality water at all times. A pig can consume 5-16 gallons of water per day. Supplying fresh, clean water at constant rates can help pigs meet their water requirements. Keep feed fresh. Feed is more likely to spoil in warm temperatures. Increase the feeding frequency, feed slightly smaller meals and routinely clean the feeding area to keep feed fresh through the summer

Peterson Farm Brothers video. The brothers are singing again.....A Fresh Breath of Farm Air (Fresh Prince Parody). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0F1dSLxHE8c>

## Manitoba

THINK

SAFETY  
FIRST

Safety Training for Hog Farmers. Assiniboine Community College is offering the following training sessions to ensure that all hog producers have the opportunity to become certified. These sessions are FREE to participants! EMERGENCY FIRST AID, H2S AWARENESS. If you are interested in taking a training session, please contact: Patricia Cesar, Centre of Continuing Studies. 1-800-862-6307 ext. 6965 or 204-725-8700 ext. 6965. Email: [cesarpp@assiniboine.net](mailto:cesarpp@assiniboine.net)

## CANADIAN SWINE HEALTH BOARD - Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED)

While there are still many unanswered questions about the outbreak of PED in the Midwest US, it is becoming clear that it is now widespread in the US and there are preventive measures Canadian producers should take to protect their herds from this devastating disease. This disease spreads by anything contaminated by manure, notably contaminated trucks and other equipment, so cleaning and disinfecting trucks is an essential measure. Protocols for cleaning and disinfecting trucks: [www.swinehealth.ca/publications](http://www.swinehealth.ca/publications). The most important thing producers can do is ensure all trucks entering their farms that may have been in the US have been effectively cleaned and disinfected, including clothing and boots worn by the driver in contact with farms. This approach should be applied to all trucks entering your farm until the extent of the infection in the US is known and the situation is under control. The Canadian Swine Health Intelligence Network (CSHIN) reports that this virus has not been reported in Canada. In fact, reports of severe diarrheas have actually decreased in recent months. Producers are encouraged to ensure that their veterinarian is participating in CSHIN to even further protect our national herd. For further information on CSHIN, contact Dr. Chris Byra, CSHIN Project Manager, at [cbyra@shaw.ca](mailto:cbyra@shaw.ca) or 604.316.6974. This disease would have a devastating impact on our Canadian industry, with 70 - 100% mortality being reported in nursing pigs after three to four days exposure. Since this disease has never been in Canada, our Canadian herd remains very susceptible to PED. Good biosecurity requires extra vigilance and increased compliance, and all producers now have a key role to play in protecting against PED in Canada.



## Buy Canadian Pork

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

EVERYTHING IS BETTER WITH BACON!!! I tried this ice cream bar dipped in chocolate and bacon bits in Des Moines, Iowa at World Pork Expo in June.....interesting mix of flavours!!! I also tried bacon maple flavoured coffee and bacon dipped donut holes.....think I prefer my bacon with eggs!



## Ontario Pork

June 2013. Ontario Pork announced its partnership with the Ontario Association of Food Banks aimed at providing direct donations of ground pork to food banks. The program is expected to benefit more than 412,000 adults and children in need. Food bank use is high throughout June, July, and August. Ontario Pork Chair, Amy Cronin says that Ontario's hog farmers are pleased to contribute to the cause, noting that farming is about providing food for people. The pilot program will be rolled out for the month of June into the fall. Ontario Pork, Elanco, Zoetis, Shur Gain, and Mabel Honor Farm – The Fraser Family, support the program.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5-14. Calgary Stampede. Calgary, Alberta

August 27-29, 2013. Expo-Champs. Saint Liboire, Quebec

August 29-September 1, 2013. Agricultural Exhibition. Abrams Village, Prince Edward Island

September 10-12, 2013. Canada's Outdoor Farm Show. Woodstock, Ontario

September 17-21, 2013. International Plowing Match and Rural Expo. Mitchell, Ontario.

September 24-26, 2013. 34th Western Nutrition Conference. Saskatoon, SK

November 11-16, 2013. Canadian Western Agribition. Regina, Saskatchewan

November 19-20, 2013. 36th Annual Saskatchewan Pork Industry Symposium. Saskatoon, SK

January 7, 8, 2014. Southwest Agricultural Conference. Address not confirmed

January 21-23, 2014. Ag Days. Brandon, Manitoba, Canada

January 21-23, 2014. Banff Pork Seminar. Edmonton, Alberta

January 23-25, 2014. Pacific Agriculture Show. Abbotsford, BC

March 11-13, 2014. Ottawa Valley Farm Show. Ottawa, ON

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A new slate of officers was elected at a Board of Directors meeting held in Quebec City in April, as follows:

President & CCSI Representative: Line Theroux

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Donald MacDonald

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & CLRC Representative: Jim Donaldson

4<sup>th</sup> Position on Executive: Keith Rasmuson

PigGen Canada Representative: Paul Riese\_\_\_\_\_