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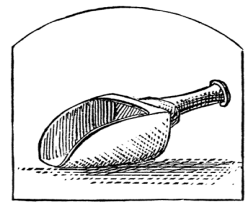
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THE SCOOP December 2015

Message from President Dave Vandebroek

This year has been one of the most stable in many years. The last half of the year has included lower pork prices, but also some optimism in the fact that PED has been brought under control in Canada. Prime weather for PED spread is ahead, with cooler and wetter conditions, but the industry is doing an excellent job of controlling the virus.

Hopefully it will be eliminated in the year to come.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Dave



Blueberry Hills Farm, Nova Scotia

Remember the cute picture that we emailed you with Christmas greetings earlier this month? It was taken by the son of one of our members in Nova Scotia. He is trying to build a photography business and his snow photos are wonderful and a bit different from the usual. Check them out at their website www.blueberryhillsfarm.wordpress.com or "like" them on Facebook at [blueberryhillsfarmbearriver](https://www.facebook.com/blueberryhillsfarmbearriver) to read about their interesting farm and see some more great pictures.

NOTICE

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Where: Elm Hurst Inn, Ingersoll, Ontario

When: Monday, March 21, 2016

Time: 200 pm

Biosecurity Recommendations:

Traffic into and out of farms still poses a great risk for transmission of the PED virus. If you are not already following these practices, try to incorporate them into your farm activities.

Transport

Do not allow an unwashed trailer to back up to the loading chute at your farm.

Require a washed and disinfected trailer and/or use a shuttle vehicle to allow for truck-to-truck transfer of pigs off farm

Do not allow truck driver to enter barn

Ensure no pigs return to barn after entering trailer

Wash and disinfect loading dock after loading pigs

When moving your pigs to assembly yards, local abattoirs and/or processing facilities, use designated boots for transport and ensure trailers are washed and disinfected prior to returning to farm.

Feed delivery

Do not allow the feed truck driver access to the barn.

If possible, ensure all feed deliveries are full loads, eliminating the need for a truck to do two unit deliveries with a single load.



Warren Stein Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that Clarissa O'Sullivan was the 2015 recipient of the Warren Stein Memorial Scholarship. This award was presented at the OAC Undergraduate Awards celebration ceremony at the University of Guelph earlier this month. Dr. Jim Squires, Chair of the Department of Animal Biosciences, presented the award to Clarissa on behalf of the Stein family and the Canadian Swine Breeders Association. Dr. Squires expressed the honour he felt to have presented that award since he knew Warren Stein from many years ago.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!