

BC Pork *Newsletter*

BC Hog Marketing Commission Election

The deadline for nominations for the election of a Commissioner to the BC Hog Marketing Commission is Nov 2nd. Every Registered Producer should have received an information package by regular mail outlining the election procedures. If you have any questions about the election please call Dianne Driessen.

BC Pork Supports Britco Funding Application

Donalds Fine Foods (Britco Pork) has applied to the Investment Agriculture Innovations (IAF) Fund for assistance to purchase new and innovative equipment. The equipment will enhance product quality as well as effecting a reduction of water usage within the facility. BC Pork was pleased to advise the IAF of its support for the project.



Notice of General Meeting (Revised Date)

BC Pork Producers Association (Producers only)

Date : Tuesday November 22 2011

Time : 7:30 PM

Location : Greenbelt Veterinary Services Boardroom
8451 Harvard Place Chilliwack

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future organizational structure that best serves the BC hog industry.

CFIA Proposing New Regulations

The Meat Inspection Regulations currently require animal information documents to accompany every load of poultry going to a federally inspected plant. CFIA is proposing to amend its regulations to require similar documentation for all food animals (ie include hogs) and have suggested the use of a 2 page form to provide the necessary information.

It appears that the suggested requirement duplicates the assurances provided by the CQA program and the planned traceability documentation. BC Pork will be providing a formal response to the CFIA's proposal.

Canadian Swine Health Board Programs

BC Pork has had initial discussions with the CSHB on services and programs that could be offered in BC. The CSHB has received significant funding from the federal government and has the mandate to provide leadership, coordination and support in the management of the health of Canadian swine herds. Possible BC programs include: on farm biosecurity upgrading; pilot project on biosecurity issues on multi species farms (poultry and hogs); and, biosecurity at receiving facilities at slaughter houses.

Maple Leaf Plant Changes

Maple Leaf Foods is revamping its meat processing facilities with \$560 million investment in new plants and equipment and the closure of several plants and distribution centres. A new plant in Hamilton Ontario and new cooking and packaging equipment in Winnipeg are the big new investments while older plants in North Battleford, Kitchener,

Hamilton, Toronto and Moncton will close. Maple Leaf says the new plants and improved products will increase demand for pork in Canada.

The new equipment and technology will allow for a 1550 reduction in staff and should make Maple Leaf amore competitive force in the North American meat market.

This is a "must do" for all BC Pork Producers

BC Pork Congress 2011

Date : Thursday November 3 2011

Time : 9:30 AM (start)

Location: Best Western Rainbow Country Inn Chilliwack

Alberta Hog Price Insurance Program

An Alberta provincial government program has been offered to hog producers and is designed to help manage price risks. The Hog Price Insurance Program (HPIP) is a voluntary price insurance program and includes farrow to wean operations as well as finishing operations. The government does not contribute any funds to the program - it is designed to be self sustaining.

Under the HPIP, producers have the option to purchase an insurance policy based on a forecasted hog price into the future. When the policy expires, the coverage purchased is compared to a settlement price that reflects the monthly average price of market hogs in Alberta. If the settlement price is below the insured price, a payment of the difference is made.

BC Farm Animal Care Conference

Working Together for Responsible Animal Care

November 10 Abbotsford Details at: <http://www.bcfacc.ca>

BC Pork will pay for 1 registration fee for each Registered Producer

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