

## Board Highlights

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#### NOTES:

The following are highlights from the November & December 2006 Ontario Pork Board of Directors Meetings. The purpose of this periodic Newsflash is to help keep you informed on the issues the Board is dealing with on your behalf.

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#### Vision 2010 Workbooks

Ontario Pork's consultation process is well underway. It is a comprehensive process forming part of Vision 2010 - Ontario Pork's strategic planning and review.

All members and industry stakeholders will receive a Vision 2010 Workbook by mail in January 2007 to offer their insights and opinions about key issues affecting the future of Ontario's hog industry.

To assist in the completion of your workbook, we encourage everyone to attend a regional open house to ask further questions about the studies.

Deadline to return your workbook is March 23, 2007.

For more information, contact Ontario Pork at 1-877-668-7675 or [comm@ontariopork.on.ca](mailto:comm@ontariopork.on.ca)

Regional Open Houses will be held:

February 19

Kemptville, college campus 2-8 pm

February 20

Alliston, Nottawasaga Inn 2-8 pm

February 21

Woodstock, Quality Inn 2-8 pm

February 21

Online seminar – connect via Internet from home 10-11 am

February 22

Ridgetown, college campus 2-8 pm

February 23

Wingham, North Huron Westcast Community Complex 2-8 pm

### Risk Management Summary Sheet

In November and December, three identical Risk Management Courses were held across Ontario for pork producers to learn about the current risk management opportunities that are available and to demonstrate hedging fundamentals using various examples. The initial concept for the course was developed by Ontario Pork's Forward Pricing Program Review Committee that includes both staff and producers. The Ontario Pork Forward Pricing Program is a risk management tool for hog producers to manage changing market conditions from unpredictable fluctuations in hog prices.

For a copy of the Risk Management Summary Sheet, which includes important take-home messages from the course workbook, visit [www.ontariopork.on.ca/prodinfo.htm](http://www.ontariopork.on.ca/prodinfo.htm).

This project is funded in part through contributions by Canada and the Province of Ontario under the Canada-Ontario Research and Development Program (CORD), an initiative of the federal-provincial-territorial Agricultural Policy Framework designed to position Canada's agri-food sector as a world leader. The Agricultural Adaptation Council administers the CORD Program on behalf of the province.

### Partnerships and Alliances Project

Ontario Pork is examining its industry memberships and associations to ensure they align with its Business Plan and Strategic Aims. The Partnerships and Alliances project will ensure that Ontario Pork is sharing resources and expertise within the industry to best represent our members.

### Final Call for Marketing Operations Fee Reimbursement

Producers using the Small Packer Program are asked to submit their claim for the refund of Marketing Operations Fees paid by March 31, 2007.

Producers using the Small Packer Program must submit receipts of all service fees paid to the small packer in order to claim any refund. Copies of original receipts showing amounts paid should be forwarded to Ontario Pork, and claims should be addressed to the attention of 'Producer Services, Marketing Operations Fee.'

For more information on the Marketing Operations Fee repayment, please contact Ontario Pork Producer Services at 1-877-668-7675.

### Ontario Pork Annual Meeting County Grants

County grant cheques for the Ontario Pork Annual General Meeting will be paid for all councillors assigned to that county. The payment will be based on a formula consisting of one day's attendance, round-trip mileage at \$0.46/km and hotel at \$60 per councillor. An additional \$70 will be added for councillors traveling more than 250 km one-way. Distances will be calculated from a central point within the county.

County Secretaries should expect the county grant cheques following the Ontario Pork Annual General Meeting along with their local association attendance record. The Ontario Pork AGM will take place on March 14-15 at the Doubletree International Plaza Hotel, Toronto.

## Ontario Pork Service Fee and Research Investment

The 2006-2007 Ontario Pork Service fee remains untouched.

With the addition of federal and provincial funding through the Canada-Ontario Research and Development (CORD) Program Ontario Pork expects to complete execution of key objectives within the final year of its existing business plan that require start-up funds, while continuing its \$1,000,000 plus investment into swine research.

This year business operations and program development will utilize the full \$1.75, including the \$0.20 previously allocated to research initiatives, towards the core operations of Ontario Pork. There will be a Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) – Investment Tax Credit for 2006.

The momentum and investment into pork research in Ontario will remain unchanged. Pork producers need a strong research infrastructure to compete in the global market place. The swine research breakthroughs of today influence our ability to compete internationally in the future.

This budgeting decision will allow Ontario Pork to fully utilize the funding options that are available to our industry and continue to invest in implementing projects, such as full booking and electronic manifesting, that will place our industry in a positive position and help attract future processing capacity.