



ONTARIO PORK

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Dear Martin:

Ontario Pork would again like to reiterate concerns over the federal programs being administered by the Canadian Pork Council to hog producers. This follows my letter to you dated December 11, 2009.

With regard to the Hog Transition Program, there is a need for Ontario Pork to receive detailed briefing on the amount of hogs being taken out production in Ontario by this program along with best estimates of timelines. This information is imperative for planning purposes as existing processing plants may well face shortages of supply to a magnitude where plant closure becomes the only alternative. To achieve best possible outcomes from given circumstances, it is important that Ontario Pork have Hog Transition Program statistics specific to Ontario now.

Ontario Pork has already expressed the concern from our producers about the Hog Industry Loan Loss Recovery Program in earlier correspondence. With the difficulty experienced by producers in qualifying for these loans, there is growing concern over what will happen in the fall of this year when the Emergency APP loans become due. There is a need for advance planning to deal with what will undoubtedly become a problem. It is important that solutions to these problems be developed **now** to give the industry the proper tools to plan a sustainable future. Therefore, **Ontario Pork is requesting formal correspondence of CPC's plan by February 12, 2010 so that Ontario producers might be informed of planned actions at district meetings.**

Regards,

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Wilma Jeffray, Chair Ontario Pork