

## **Board Highlights: November 1-2, 2022**

### ***Production Insurance***

Staff provided an overview of the production insurance proposal. The proposed insurance product – Production Insurance for Hogs - would provide an indemnity in the event of a shortfall in the production of viable weaned pigs, resulting from swine disease. In September 2022, the Board approved pursuing an AgriRisk Initiatives application to complete an actuarial study on the premium costs of a product to ensure the number of pigs weaned. The results of this project could be used to advocate with government for a pilot program for hogs that is part of the current suite of production insurance programs with cost-shared premiums.

### ***Ontario Federation of Agriculture Update***

Cathy Lennon, General Manager, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) spoke with the Board about the OFA structure, mandate and key policy topics such as fertilizer emissions reductions and tariffs; farmland preservation; sustainable CAP; mental health; municipal engagement. Cathy highlighted the Farmer Wellness Initiative; Telehealth line: 1-866-267-6255 offers free mental health support for all farmers and farm families across Ontario. Ontario Pork works in collaboration with OFA on several files to strengthen representation at the provincial level and promote the sector policy objectives.

The OFA is the largest general farm organization in Ontario, representing 38,000 farm family members across the province.

### ***Ontario Living Lab***

The Board approved Ontario Pork's participation in the Living Lab initiative of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA). OSCIA received approval from the federal government's Agricultural Climate Solutions (ACS) fund to develop a full proposal on a Living Lab that would focus on accelerating the innovation and adoption of practices that sequester carbon (C) and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This would be done by engaging farmers and a variety of stakeholders in jointly developing and implementing solutions that are suitable for their farming system, locality or region.

### ***Canadian Pork Council***

The Board of Directors was briefed on the recent CPC Members Fall Meeting and the Board meeting, held on October 18-20, 2022 in Ottawa. Meeting topics included an update on the Pork Promotion and Research Agency, environment, priority markets and market access challenges. Ontario Pork's staff presented the draft "Market Interruption Proposed Program Responses". This document was developed by the Ontario Pork internal working group, in consultation with staff from Manitoba Pork and Les Éleveurs de porcs du Québec. The purpose of this presentation was to build a national coalition around an agreed set of program responses in the event of a market interruption caused by an outbreak of African swine fever in Canada. Next steps will include presentations of the proposal to the federal and provincial governments.