



Board Highlights: June 27-28, 2016

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The following are highlights from the June 2016 Ontario Pork board meeting.

Producer Information Meetings

Staff briefed the Board on the outcome of four information sessions held in June 2016 for producers across Ontario. The purpose of the meetings was to inform pork producers on key issues in the industry and to gather their feedback. Agenda topics included animal care and Ontario Pork's recommendations for the provincial government's domestic action plan for Lake Erie. Ontario Pork is advocating for a fundamental approach that combine good nutrient stewardship with good economics. Almost 140 pork producers attended the sessions. The summarized producer feedback will be given to the Sustainability Advisory Group for their review, analysis and finalizing recommendations for ongoing consultations with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Update

Ron Davidson, Director of International Trade, Government and Media Relations with the Canadian Meat Council (CMC), joined the meeting via teleconference and provided an update on the implementation status of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). Ron highlighted the legal, technical and political processes that need to be completed, so that the stated benefits of the deal can be realized in the form of commercially viable access for all Canadian exporters.

Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Update

Bill Wymenga and Teresa Van Raay, Ontario Pork's representatives at the CPC Board of Directors, provided a summary of the recent CPC Board meeting in Winnipeg including a discussion of the Canadian Pork Excellence program, PigTrace, next steps for the Promotion and Research Agency, and an update on Canada Pork Inc.

Program Update

The Board was briefed on the preparations for the launch of the CPC Canadian Pork Excellence pilot in Ontario. Volunteer farms are expected to be chosen and will be signed up in July 2016. Ontario Pork recommended to CPC to target 10-15 farms in the province with test starting in September.

The intent is to cover all types of production including small, medium, large and integrated systems, to determine the impact of the program on pork producers



in the province. Feedback from the Ontario pork farmers will be provided to CPC to help form the final program.

Policy Update

Staff highlighted recent developments with respect to government activities and initiatives that may have an impact and relevance for the pork sector, including the Great Lakes policy development, climate change, hog mortality insurance, and anti-microbial resistance.