



In order to ensure that on-farm programs continue to reflect the remarkable work of producers and meet the domestic and global consumer demand, **Canadian producers and stakeholders have been updating the CQA and ACA programs** with the support of provincial member associations and CPC staff.

The updated CQA program is now called PigSAFE and the updated ACA program is now called PigCARE. Both fall under the Canadian Pork Excellence umbrella.



PigSAFE, PigCARE and PigTRACE support the VERIFIED CANADIAN PORK trademark.

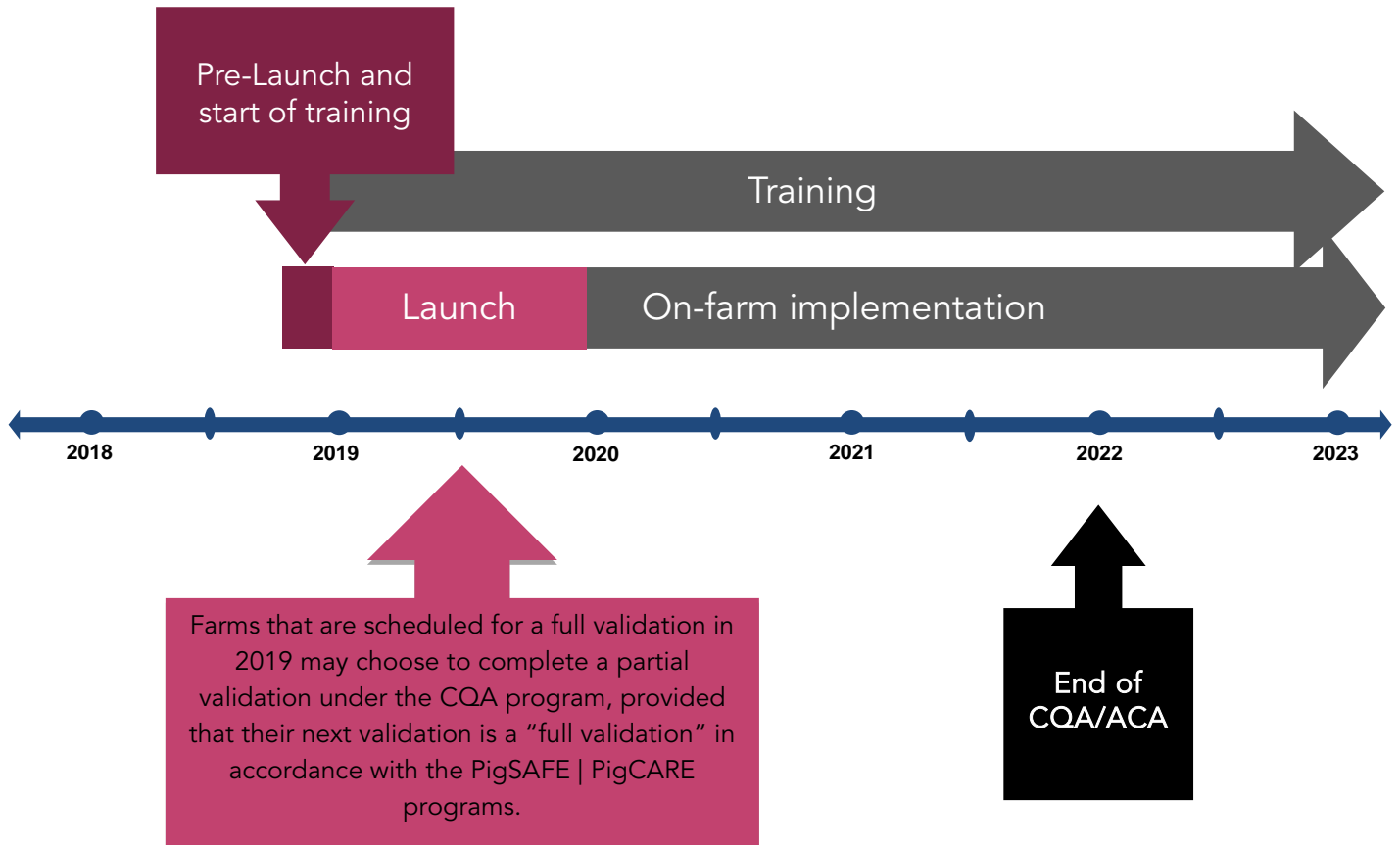
This internationally recognized trademark promotes Canadian pork as a high-quality protein:

- raised in accordance with high on-farm food safety and animal care standards,
- with a proven traceability system,
- without added growth hormones or ractopamine,
- produced in HACCP-certified establishments.

IMPLEMENTATION

- PigSAFE | PigCARE will be officially launched in January 2019.
- The CQA/ACA programs will end in 2022.

Farms that are scheduled for a full validation in 2019 may choose to complete a partial validation under the CQA program, provided that their next validation is a “full validation” in accordance with the PigSAFE | PigCARE programs.



OVERVIEW OF NEW REQUIREMENTS

PigSAFE

WATER QUALITY

- A water test must be performed annually

BEDDING

- Need written assurance that the bedding is free of wood preservatives
- For bedded production, pens must be kept dry and the bedding removed at least once a year and stored away from the pigs

EDIBLE RESIDUAL MATERIAL

- Need a letter of guarantee from the supplier of recycled food products and/or distillers' grains, demonstrating that the CFIA Feeds Regulations have been met

FEED DELIVERY SLIP

- Feed delivery slips (electronic or paper copy) must be verified and kept on file

DOMESTICATED ANIMALS / MULTIPLE SPECIES

- Barns/buildings and on-farm feed mills must be free from domesticated animals (other than pigs)
- If other domesticated animals are kept in the same barn the Multiple Species Certification must be completed.

OUTDOOR ACCESS PRODUCTION

- The Outdoor Access Production Certification must be completed if pigs have access to the outdoors

VACCINE AND DRUG USE POLICY

- Producers must follow the Vaccine and Drug Use Policy that reflects Health Canada regulations
- A Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR) must be in place

PigCARE

ANIMAL BASED MEASURES

- Pigs will be assessed for body condition, injuries and severe lameness

SIZE OF FARROWING CRATES/GESTATION STALLS/BOAR STALLS

- Farrowing crates, individual sow stalls and individual boar stalls must be sized according to Pig Code of Practice requirements

SPACE ALLOWANCE NURSERY – GROW FINISH

- Nursery and grow/finish pigs must be provided with sufficient space according to the Code of Practice requirements
- A space allowance record must be completed for all nursery pens and grow/finish pens

GROUP SOW HOUSING CONVERSION

- Newly built or rebuilt facilities for bred gilts and sows must meet the Group Sow Housing Certification requirements
- Boars must be provided with sufficient space so that they can turn around

LIGHTING

- Adequate lighting must be provided at all stages of production

ENRICHMENT

- Two or more enrichment options must be provided to pigs at all stages of production

FARROWING ROOM / NEWLY WEANED PIGLETS + ELECTIVE HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES + TRANSPORTATION

- Producers must develop and follow standard operating procedures. Templates are provided.

A series of short documents detailing the new requirements will be shared over the coming months.