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Welcome

The 2005 Saskatchewan Pork Industry Symposium is presented by *Sask Pork* and the Livestock Development Branch of *Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food*. From November 8 - 10 at the Saskatoon Inn (Saskatoon, SK), we celebrate 28 years of providing *A World of Information*, with the theme, "Strengthening our Industry." Our continued success is made possible by the generous contributions from our sponsors. During the course of business, or when at the Symposium, please take time to personally thank a representative from those organizations listed here. We are pleased to present our 2005 program, outlined in the following pages, with the registration form at the back. See you at Symposium!

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Stock Persons' Seminar Program

Tuesday November 8, 2005

7:30 a.m. Stock Persons' Seminar Registration
(Mezzanine) and **Continental Breakfast**
(Saskatchewan C)

Morning moderator: Neil Ketilson, Sask Pork; morning plenary session sponsored by BIG SKY FARMS INC.

9:00 a.m. Diversity in the Workplace, ELAINE FROESE,
Seeds of Encouragement (Saskatchewan B)

9:45 a.m. Biosecurity & You, DR. SHAWN DAVIDSON,
Davidson Swine Health Services and Hypor
Inc. (Saskatchewan B)

10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break (Mezzanine) Sponsored by
ALPHARMA ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION INC.

11:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions, Sponsored by CARGILL
ANIMAL NUTRITION – Choose one of three:

- **Behavioural Vices in the Barn**, DR. TINA WIDOWSKI, University of Guelph, moderated by Ken Engele, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Saskatchewan B)
- **Gilt Development & Management**, DR. MALACHY YOUNG, Gowans Feed Consulting, moderated by Lee Whittington, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Courtyard Room)
- **Challenges & Opportunities in a Highly Productive Herd**, COLIN PRATT, Big Sky Farms, moderated by Deb Ehmann, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Manitoba Room)

12:00 Noon Buffet Lunch (Saskatchewan C) Sponsored
by MONSANTO CHOICE GENETICS and
co-sponsored by ITSI INC.

Afternoon moderator: Monique Lischynski, Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food; afternoon plenary sessions sponsored by BIG SKY FARMS INC.

**1:00 p.m. Panel Presentation: Animal Handling - So,
Did You Come Here to Dance or to Fight?**
NANCY LIDSTER, DNL Farms Consulting and
HARVEY WAGNER, Sask Pork (Saskatchewan B)

2:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions – Choose one of three:

- **Behavioural Vices in the Barn**, DR. TINA WIDOWSKI, University of Guelph, moderated by Ken Engele, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Saskatchewan B)
- **Gilt Development & Management**, DR. MALACHY YOUNG, Gowans Feed Consulting, moderated by Deb Ehmann, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Courtyard Room)

- **Challenges & Opportunities in a Highly Productive Herd**, COLIN PRATT, Big Sky Farms, moderated by Lee Whittington, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Manitoba Room)

3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break (Mezzanine) Sponsored by CUDWORTH PORK INVESTORS GROUP

3:30 p.m. Barn Efficiency - Your Role in Driving Costs Down, DR. JOHN PATIENCE, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. and PSC Elstow Research Farm Inc. (Saskatchewan B)

4:30 p.m. Adjournment

Symposium Welcome Reception Tuesday November 8, 2005

6:00 p.m. Registration for main Symposium, until 8:00 p.m. (Mezzanine)

7:00 p.m. Symposium Welcome Reception, appetizers and cash bar (Saskatchewan A)

Symposium Day One Program Wednesday November 9, 2005

Day moderator: Ed Bernacki, The Idea Factory; morning plenary session sponsored by FAST PIGS INC.

8:30 a.m. Creating Your own IDEA Factory, ED BERNACKI, The Idea Factory (Saskatchewan A & B)

9:00 a.m. Lessons from the International Scene, CARLOS PIÑEIRO, PigCHAMP Pro Europa (Saskatchewan A & B)

10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break (Mezzanine) Sponsored by ELANCO ANIMAL HEALTH

10:30 a.m. Issues Surrounding PCV2, DR. JOHN HARDING, Western College of Veterinary Medicine (Saskatchewan A & B)

11:15 a.m. Is that what Consumers really think of us? DR. SUSAN JONES, Ipsos Reid (Saskatchewan A & B)

12:00 Noon Buffet Lunch (Saskatchewan A & B), Co-Sponsored by CARLO GENETICS

Afternoon plenary session sponsored by PIC

1:15 p.m. Panel Presentation: Water Management, LEE WHITTINGTON, Prairie Swine Centre Inc., DR. YUZHIL LI, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. and DENNIS MCKERRACHER (Saskatchewan A & B)

- 2:15 p.m. Panel Presentation: The Financial Perspective – Opportunities in Contract Finishing**, DAVE PENNER, Hytek Ltd. and GARY WELLBROCK (Saskatchewan A & B)
- 3:15 p.m. Refreshment Break** (Mezzanine) Sponsored by SASKENERGY
- 3:45 p.m. Foreign Animal Disease Outbreaks - Are You Prepared?** DR. SANDRA STEPHENS, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (Saskatchewan A & B)
- 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions – Choose one of three:**
- **Energy Efficiencies**, RON MACDONALD, Agviro Inc., moderated by Ken Engele, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Courtyard Room)
 - **Panel Presentation: Occupational Health & Safety Inspections**, DON KOLLA, Cudworth Pork Investors Group and KIM MEYER, Saskatchewan Labour, moderated by Deb Ehmann, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Saskatchewan C)
 - **Implementing a National Traceability System**, DENNIS MCKERRACHER, moderated by Lee Whittington, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (Canadian Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment**

Symposium Evening Program Wednesday November 9, 2005

Evening moderator: Kevin Hursh, Hursh Consulting and Communications Inc.; dinner sponsored by MAPLE LEAF PORK and OLEET PROCESSING LTD., banquet wine sponsored by FEED-RITE, DIVISION OF RIDLEY, entertainment sponsored by MASTERFEEDS

- 6:00 p.m. Cocktails**, cash Bar (Saskatchewan A)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner** (Saskatchewan A, B & C), program to follow, including P.I.G. auction & entertainment

Symposium Day Two Program Thursday November 10, 2005

- 7:30 a.m. Registration** (Mezzanine) and **Buffet Breakfast** (Saskatchewan C)

Moderator: Kevin Hursh, Hursh Consulting and Communications Inc.; Plenary sessions sponsored by DACO WESTERN CANADA and RBC ROYAL BANK

- 8:30 a.m. Panel Presentation: Hot Topics**, FLORIAN POSSBERG, Big Sky Farms, DAVE LIBERTINI, Hypor Inc. and BRYAN PERKINS (Saskatchewan B)

- 9:15 a.m. Carbon Credits**, BEN VOSS, Clear-Green Environmental Inc. (Saskatchewan B)
- 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break** (Mezzanine) Sponsored by BIO AGRI MIX
- 10:30 a.m. Profitability Through Value Chains**, KAREN SLIGH, KSS Consulting (Saskatchewan B)
- 11:30 a.m. Competitiveness in the World Market**, CARLOS PIÑEIRO, PigCHAMP Pro Europa (Saskatchewan B)
- 12:00 Noon Adjournment and Light Lunch** (Saskatchewan B)
- 1:30 p.m. Sask Pork Annual General Meeting** (Saskatchewan C)

About our Presenters



Ed Bernacki, The Idea Factory, Ottawa, ON: Ed helps individuals and organizations develop their capacity to innovate. His workshops and presentations focus on the key skills for innovative thinking, skills which are crucial for building a capacity to innovate.



Dr. Shawn Davidson, Davidson Swine Health Services, Aneroid, SK: Shawn has been in practice since 1998 and currently provides veterinary services to clients across Canada and the US. as well as Hypor Inc., Canada's largest pig breeding company.



Elaine Froese, Seeds of Encouragement, Boissevain, MB: With a practical and from-the-heart style, Elaine is a columnist and public speaker, and has inspired many to revitalize their relationships and farm businesses. She is real, warm, and encouraging.



Dr. John C.S. Harding, DVM, MSc, Associate Professor, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, SK: John has specialized in swine since 1991. He is a teacher, researcher and frequent speaker.



Dr. Susan Jones, Vice President Agribusiness, Food and Animal Health, Ipsos Reid, Milton, ON: Susan is a licensed veterinarian with 17 years experience in animal health marketing, marketing research and marketing communications.



Don Kolla, Cudworth Pork Investors Group, Cudworth, SK: In 1975, Don built his first hog barn and in 1994, spearheaded construction of the first 600 sow farrow-to-finish barn, expanding to 1200 sows in 1997. He is active in industry and community groups.



Dr. Yuzhi Li, Research Assistant, Ethology, Prairie Swine Centre Inc., Saskatoon, SK: Yuzhi joined the Prairie Swine Centre in 2000 and during the last five years, her research has focused on reducing water wastage from nipple drinkers.



Dave Libertini, President, Hypor Inc., Regina, SK: With a background in finance and accounting, Dave has been involved in the business of agriculture, and in particular breeding, for over a decade, making the transition from poultry to pork in 2003.



Nancy Lidster, DNL Farms Consulting, White Fox, SK: After raising pigs for more than 20 years, Nancy and her husband Don work in the area of staff training. Their interest in pig handling grew out of their own day-to-day challenges with moving pigs.



Ron MacDonald, PEng, Agricultural Engineering, President & Owner, Agviro, Inc., Guelph, ON: With a background in energy efficient technologies and alternative fuels/energy sources, Ron consults in the area of agricultural engineering.



Dennis McKerracher, High River, AB: With a grow-finish operation, Dennis is extensively involved in the pork industry. Among other committee involvement, he is Chairman of the National ID & Traceability working committee.



Kim Meyer, PAg, Occupational Health Officer, Saskatchewan Labour, Regina, SK: With education in animal science, Kim has years of practical experience in the hog industry. Today, her focus is on the ways and means of keeping agricultural workers safe.



John F. Patience, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. and PSC Elstow Research Farm Inc., Saskatoon, SK: Internationally renowned for his work, John has committed over 30 years to the pork industry.



Dave Penner, Vice-President of Production & Operations, Hytek Ltd., La Broquerie, MB: With 20 years dedicated to the animal feed and livestock production industry, Dave is currently with Hytek, a large swine production company with operations across Canada and the US.



Bryan Perkins, Wainwright, AB: In addition to running a mixed farm with a 1,700 sow farrow-to-finish operation, Bryan is Chair of Alberta Pig Company, Chair of four community based hog farms with 8000 sows, and Chair of Prairie Swine Centre Inc.



Carlos Piñeiro, R&D Manager, PigCHAMP Pro Europa, Segovia, Spain: With over 15 years of experience in pig production, Carlos is involved in national and European research projects with PigCHAMP Pro Europa, a company producing 2-million pigs per year.



Florian Possberg, President, Big Sky Farms, Humboldt, SK: Well known to all, Florian began his career in the hog industry in 1975. Today, he has joint venture barns across Saskatchewan, and is active with countless agriculture groups to advance the industry.



Colin Pratt, Big Sky Farms, Humboldt, SK: After being raised by a vet with purebred cattle, Colin pursued a career in intensive livestock production. He has been with Big Sky since 2000 and is involved in the management of the company's newest unit in Porcupine Plain.



Karen S. Sligh, Vice-President Facilitation, KSS Consulting, Kingston, ON: Karen has over 25 years experience with supply chains. She has made numerous presentations focusing on profitability through value chains and practical applications for real results.



Dr. Sandra Stephens, Veterinarian Program Specialist, Disease Control, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Saskatoon, SK: With an extensive background in mixed practice and at slaughter facilities, Sandra has dealt with disease outbreaks, such as BC's Avian Influenza.



Ben Voss, President & CEO, Clear-Green Environmental Inc., Saskatoon, SK: Ben is a recognized expert in new methods of dealing with slaughter waste and associated food processing by-products as well as the emerging greenhouse gas credit sector.



Harvey Wagner, Manager, Producer Services, Sask Pork, Saskatoon, SK: With an extensive background in pork production, Harvey is now with Sask Pork where he manages various services for Saskatchewan producers, including Quality Assurance.



Gary Wellbrock, Wymark, SK: Gary has extensive experience as an owner and operator and has acted as the lead contract negotiator in the construction and operation of several barns. He is active within many agricultural associations.



Lee Whittington, Manager, Information Services, Prairie Swine Centre Inc., Saskatoon, SK: Lee handles technical expansion and demonstration research projects for the Centre, is an active member in several groups, and serves on industry committees.



Dr. Tina Widowski, Associate Professor, Department of Animal & Poultry Science, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON: Tina's current teaching and research focuses on the behaviour and housing of pigs, cattle and poultry and her findings are well published.



Dr. Malachy Young, Gowans Feed Consulting, Wainwright, AB: Born and raised in Ireland, Malachy has an extensive background in pork production and nutrition. His current work focuses on feedmill auditing, raw material review, best cost diet formulation, etc.

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