



## **June 30 Extended Cull Breeding Swine Program Deadline Approaching**

**Ottawa, ON [June 16, 2009]** – Application deadline for the extended Cull Breeding Swine Program (CBSP) is June 30, 2009. Applications received to date for the program extension period have increased the total number of breeding swine involved in the program by 10%. So far, the program has helped reduce the Canadian breeding herd by 121,000 head.

The program is being extended to include culled breeding stock from August 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007 in addition to the original program time period of November 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008.

“The program extension is designed to assist those producers who exited the business earlier in 2007 and were not able to participate in the original program,” said Jurgen Preugschas, Chair of the Canadian Pork Council. “Eligible producers need to apply as soon as possible to ensure compensation before the deadline.”

The CBSP, funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and delivered by the Canadian Pork Council, played a role in reducing Canada’s swine breeding herd by 12% over the past 2 years. Compared to April 1, 2007 the Canadian breeding herd has been reduced by 187,000 head to 1.38 million on April 1, 2009. During the same period, the U.S. breeding herd was reduced by 138,000 head or 2.2%.

Producers can access applications and details about the program on the Canadian Pork Council website [www.cpc-ccp.com](http://www.cpc-ccp.com) or calling 1-877-655-2567.

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