



## *Communiqué*

### **CPC Pleased to see Settlement at Quality Meat Packers**

*Ottawa, February 2, 1999* — “The Canadian Pork Council congratulates management and the organized workers at Quality Meat Packers Ltd. on reaching a new labour agreement”, said Edouard Asnong, President of the CPC.

The hog processing plant in Toronto has been shut down due to a strike since December 7<sup>th</sup> which has caused Ontario hogs to have to be transported relatively long distances to packers in other provinces and in the United States.

“This agreement should guarantee the continued operation of this employer of more than 1,000 people, while providing for producers in central Canada some assurance of having another competitive buyer for their pigs”, added Mr. Asnong, who finishes hogs in Pike River, Québec.

The company is understood to be resuming hog processing operations on Wednesday, with the expectation that they will be back to handling 5,000 hogs per day by next week.

The Canadian Pork Council is a federation of provincial hog farmers organizations, representing the interests of Canada’s pork producers nationally and internationally.

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