



Canadian Pork Council Re-Elects Clare Schlegel as President: Industry Prepares for Busy Year Ahead

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(Ottawa, ON) -- Animal care, trade access, traceability and food safety were at the forefront during the 2005 annual meeting of the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, last week. The coming year will no doubt be a busy one for the Canadian hog industry, and especially for Clare Schlegel, who was re-elected as President of CPC's Board of Directors.

The Tavistock, Ontario, hog producer is joined by a newly elected Executive Committee, consisting of 1st Vice-President and Past President Edouard Asnong (Fédération des producteurs de porcs du Québec), 2nd Vice-President Florian Possberg (Sask Pork), Karl Kynoch (Manitoba Pork Council), Stephen Moffett (Porc NB Pork), Jack Moerman (Alberta Pork), and Jerry Gelderman (BC Pork).

Mr. Schlegel is proud to have the support of his peers, and looks forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead over the next twelve months. "I want to thank my colleagues for demonstrating their trust in me to represent them, and the sector's best interests, in issues of national and international importance," he says. "I am committed to working with our provincial members throughout the coming year, in a proactive and collaborative effort, to promote the continued success and prosperity of our industry."

Addressing the Board of Directors, Mr. Schlegel underscored the far reaching impacts during the past year of the trade investigations launched by the U.S. pork industry, the increase in American pork exports globally, and the shift in the value of the Canadian dollar.

He praised the work of the Council, asserting, "It is the proactive measures that we continue to take with our programs, such as the CQA[®] on-farm food safety program, the work being done on traceability and premise identification, and initiatives such as the newly launched Animal Care Assessment for Canadian hog producers that will keep us competitive over other sellers of pork around the world," he explains.

The Canadian Pork Council is the national association representing the interests of Canada's hog producers.

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