



Further Preliminary Details of the Cull Breeding Swine Program

This additional information is provided in the context of the Cull Breeding Swine Program announced by the Government of Canada on February 25th (please see http://www.agr.gc.ca/cb/index_e.php?s1=n&s2=2008&page=n80225) and is supplementary to what was circulated earlier by the Canadian Pork Council (see <http://www.cpc-ccp.com/documents/PreliminaryDetailSowReductionProgram.pdf>).

We wish to clarify that while the program was announced on February 25th, it is not in effect until the Canadian Pork Council concludes a funding agreement with the federal government and applications for the program are made available.

We are working diligently to have that work completed well before the end of March.

As such, animals marketed from November 1, 2007 until the date when program applications become available will be eligible for the per animal payment less the selling price received. The marketing of these animals is not subject to the restrictions for animals marketed after the applications become available.

Until applications for the Cull Breeding Swine Program are available, *we recommend that culling of animals for which there is an intent to apply through this program for payments be done through commercial channels and that verifiable business transaction records be retained.*

Potential program applicants are also advised that:

- No gilts will be eligible for this program; it is limited to sows subject to an actual farrowing, and boars; and
- Payments will only be issued to applications that have been approved, and required information supporting the claim is provided to the CPC.

Please note that the content of this notice is subject to change until the funding agreement is signed by both parties. Continue to look at our web site, www.cpc-ccp.com, for further information as it becomes available, including a toll-free number and relevant program dates that will be specific to this program or please call François Bédard at 613 236 9239.

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