



Preliminary Details of the Federally Funded Cull Breeding Swine Program

On February 25th, 2008 the Government of Canada announced the Cull Breeding Swine Program to help the industry to restructure by facilitating the reduction of the breeding herd. The \$50 million program is to be delivered through the Canadian Pork Council.

This program has yet to receive Treasury Board authority. It is expected, however, that this will occur shortly such that a funding agreement between the Government of Canada and the Canadian Pork Council can be completed and program participation details can be announced.

The following details have been gathered from the federal government announcement and the press conference held the same day by Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Gerry Ritz:

1. A payment of \$225 per sow or boar slaughtered would be available to eligible producers following program launch and approval of application. In addition, reimbursement will be made for costs of slaughter and carcass disposal.
2. Reimbursements will be based on invoiced receipts.
3. Producers must agree to empty at least one barn, and not to restock this barn for a period of 3 years. Partial barn reductions are not eligible for the program.
4. A payment of \$225 per sow/boar less the selling price will be available for producers that sold animals from November 1, 2007 until the date of the launch of the program, as long as they can provide receipts and agree to keep the barn empty for the three year period.
5. Animals must be humanely slaughtered and disposed of in compliance with environmental requirements in the region.
6. It is expected that the funding would support a 10% reduction of the Canadian swine breeding inventory (approximately 150,000 animals).
7. The animals/meat must not enter the human food chain. The animals may be rendered for use in pet food or other purposes, or disposed on-farm.

Final details on the program will be communicated widely, including through CPC provincial member organizations. Details will also be available on our web site, www.cpc-ccp.com.

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