



Canadian Pork Council Applauds Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Commitment to Pork Industry Animal Health

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(Ottawa, ON) – The Canadian Pork Council (CPC) applauds today's announcement by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to contribute \$76 million over four years to address swine-related disease threats.

“This is welcome news for our industry, which is currently facing significant challenges, such as the rapid rise in the value of the Canadian dollar, causing low hog prices and financial difficulties for our supply chain partners, and a sharp increase in input costs, such as feed prices,” states Clare Schlegel, President of the Canadian Pork Council. “For our producers, there is also the ever-present threat of foreign animal disease outbreaks and present-day animal health challenges, such as Porcine Circovirus Associated Diseases (PCVAD) and Porcine Reproduction and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS), so this announcement is timely and important for our industry.”

The announcement, made by Secretary of State for Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Christian Paradis, and the Honourable Gary Schellenberger, MP for Perth-Wellington, Ontario, focusses on assisting producers and the industry in four areas that include herd inoculation, research, bio-security best management practices, and finding long-term risk management solutions.

Schlegel adds, “Today's announcement shows AAFC's commitment and willingness to work with our sector to find solutions to address herd health issues. While this money doesn't reimburse the significant loss that Canadian producers have suffered due to PCVAD over the past several years, it does create a significant path forward for us to work collaboratively on herd health issues, and will help to ensure our sector's future ability to remain competitive in the marketplace.”

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

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