

CPC Welcomes Announcement of Canada-Ukraine Trade Agreement

July 14, 2015 (Ottawa) – The Canadian Pork Council (CPC) is very pleased with the announcement today by the Government of Canada of the completion of a trade liberalization deal between Canada and Ukraine.

"This will provide important additional export opportunities for the Canadian pork industry", said Rick Bergmann, CPC Chair. "Given that we export well over two-thirds of our production, such new market possibilities help us to achieve the best overall return."

"We look forward to the upcoming visit by Ukrainian government inspectors which should allow additional Canadian pork processing plants to become eligible to export to Ukraine", added Mr. Bergmann, who farms in Steinbach, Manitoba. "The industry estimates that the duty-free access which this new agreement will provide for pork would be between 30 and 40 million dollars in value."

The CPC serves as the national voice for hog producers in Canada. A federation of nine provincial pork industry associations, the organization's purpose is to play a leadership role in achieving and maintaining a dynamic and prosperous Canadian pork sector.

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