

# CSBA-INFO

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## ❖ CSBA AGM in Ottawa on March 23, 2006

Mark your calendars! The next CSBA Annual Meeting will be held in Ottawa on March 23, 2006. In addition to the regular business meeting, CSBA will organize seminars like was done at the 2005 meeting in Quebec City. Copies of last year's presentations are available on the CSBA web site. Possible areas of interest for the seminar include further developments in molecular genetics, impact of patenting on swine breeding, establishment of a national DNA bank for swine, and genetics of disease resistance. If there are particular topics that you would like to see covered, please don't hesitate to contact the CSBA office or your local director with your suggestions.

## ❖ Elections for Western Region Director to CSBA coming soon.

Swine breeders in Alberta and British Columbia are advised that election of a Director to CSBA from this region will be effected at the annual general meeting of Western Swine Testing Association in January of 2006. Anyone interested in standing in nomination for this office should make their name known to Brian Sullivan at the CSBA office, so that election ballots can be mailed to all regional members. Ballots will be received at, and mailed from, the WSTA annual meeting. Alfred Wahl, PEAK Swine Genetics, is current Director and Executive member and has allowed his name to stand in nomination for another term.

## ❖ NSIF Meeting In Ottawa, December 1-2



As noted in the last issue, CCSI will be hosting this year's National Swine Improvement Federation (NSIF) Annual Conference. In conjunction with the NSIF meeting, CCSI is also hosting an international conference on swine genetics where speakers are expected from Eastern & Western Europe, and from Asia. The NSIF meeting focuses on the role of genetic improvement for breeders, producers, packers and the swine industry at large. More information is available online at [www.nsif.com](http://www.nsif.com).

## ❖ New Fee Schedule for 2006

A new fee schedule will take effect January 1, 2006. In order to encourage breeders to bring their herds up to date, fees for electronic registration were reduced by about half in 2004. This has been a resounding success, and already so far in 2005 the number of electronic registrations has doubled to over 11,000 litters. With increased interest and more members registering, CSBA is able to maintain a very low registration fee for 2006. Members that keep their herds up to date can continue to take advantage of electronic registration for just \$6 per litter. There will be changes to fees for annual membership, transfers of ownership and certificates. For a copy of the new fee schedule, contact the CSBA office or visit the CSBA web site.

## ❖ New website tools help identify breeders and investigate breeding stock

New tools on the CSBA website, [www.canswine.ca](http://www.canswine.ca), under the "Members and Locations" heading, can be used to find breeders by province and now by breed. By clicking on a specific breed, you will get a list of breeders by province, with contact information, including phone, address, email and website if available. There is a link to CCSI for herds that are on the national herd improvement program and a link to their CLRC profile. You also have access to any pigs registered by that breeder in the past year. You can see the tattoo and registration information of the pig and its pedigree information 4 generations back. If your CLRC information is up to date, your contact information is up on the website. All 130 purebred CSBA breeders are on the site. It's a great way to find breeding stock and to advertise you own!

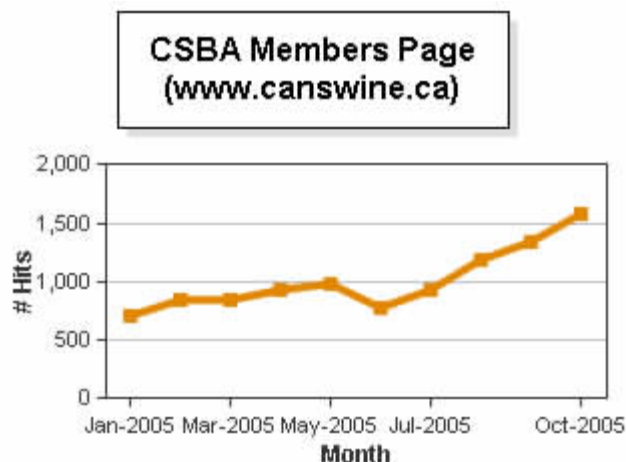
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<a href="#">Click here to see this member's 139 Yorkshire pigs</a>

Example of a breeder's contact card

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❖ **That's one hot site!**

Have you been contacted lately by someone visiting the CSBA members list page? The site is increasingly popular. Check the web site to make sure your information is up to date, and contact Jane Davy at the CLRC office to make any changes. Jane can be reached at (613) 731-7110 Extension 315.



❖ **PayLean® Food Supplement Approved for use in Canada**

In our last issue, we brought you information about the food supplement Paylean® and its potential for increasing lean growth in meat animals. At the October 27<sup>th</sup> gathering of CCSI's Genetics Committee in Ottawa, Yuefu Liu, the research and development geneticist at CCSI, outlined the approval guidelines for use of Paylean® in Canada and recommendations for its use. Please note that Paylean® has been approved for use in Canada as a feed ingredient for finishing barrows and gilts only, but not in any animals intended for breeding use. As a supplement, Paylean® is able to take energy from fat growth and redirects it to promote increase of muscle fibre diameter, as well as lean muscle protein. For important information on Paylean®, its approved use and its impact on the herd improvement program, please read the article at [www.canswine.ca](http://www.canswine.ca).

❖ **Click here to see this member's 139 pigs**

So where does this "Click" lead? As you might guess, you are just a click away from a list of the 139 pigs that were recently registered by this breeder, or any other breeder with registered pigs born in the past 12 months. But that's not all! You can also click again to see family trees, or look up any of the other million or so registered Canadian pigs that we know about. Looking for a son of that famous AI boar you've been hearing about? Lists of registered progeny and their whereabouts are at your fingertips. All this available now, and more to come on the CSBA web site!

❖ **Thank you to all who participated in getting registrations up to date!!!**

A big thank you goes out to all producers who put in a lot of overtime getting those registrations up to date before the price increase. The following is a testimonial from one of our members, Alfred Wahl, Peak Swine Genetics:

*"A large number of litter registrations by several breeding farms have been achieved through the CCSI website. Once the user becomes quickly familiar with the organization of the website, outlining the family tree for pedigrees is a simple process - where the information in the CCSI database is complete. Congratulations to the office staff who have worked through the system to achieve satisfactory results in litter registrations, transfers between herds and herd letter assignments. Thanks to Jane Davy at CLRC, who has been helpful in all aspects to expedite the registration process."*

Remember that keeping herd registrations up to date is important to get the maximum improvement from genetics, as well essential to food safety and traceability. Automatic registration is available at no extra charge. Probed litters are registered directly and you will be billed with no extra paperwork. Contact Jim or Tracy-Lynn at (613) 233-8872 for more information or to sign up.