



## Holiday Wishes from the President

Dear Friends,

My wish for you is that your festive season be rich with joy and that your New Year overflows with happiness, health and prosperity. May each of your holiday wishes come true.

Madeleine Hayeur



## It's time to renew your CSBA membership

Information on membership renewal is available on the CSBA web site. Membership provides substantial discounts on registration and other fees. It will also allow us to keep you up to date on CSBA activities and important issues of interest to all Canadian swine breeders. Your participation and support of CSBA is important in order for the Association to be as effective as possible.



## Mark your Calendar! CSBA AGM

This year's CSBA Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for March 27, 2007 in Edmonton, Alberta. Details will be provided in the next newsletter. If you are in the area, please plan to attend. Your participation is crucial to our success!



## Proposed Changes to Compensation Paid for Animals Ordered Destroyed

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is proposing changes to the amount of compensation paid to owners of animals ordered destroyed for disease control purposes. The proposed changes were developed following extensive consultation with industry and government stakeholders. The changes are designed to better reflect the market value of an animal. Maximum amounts payable for all animal categories have been updated. Compensation amounts would increase in some animal categories, such as breeding stock of higher genetic value. Compensation for swine, which is currently limited to \$800 per animal, would be increased to a maximum of \$5,000 for registered purebreds and \$2,000 for others. CSBA along with the Canadian Pork Council was involved in the consultation for the swine industry and we appreciated the efforts of CFIA throughout this process. The new proposals contain more appropriate values for breeding stock as well as commercial animals. CSBA members in total registered about 80,000 purebred pigs in the past year, and the vast majority of pigs tested on the national swine improvement program come from registered breeding stock. Members can take pride in their efforts to maintain this high level of registration and in sustaining valuable genetic resources for the Canadian swine industry.



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## Canadian Farm Animal Genetic Resources

The Canadian Farm Animal Genetic Resources Foundation (CFAGRF) was founded in 1996 with its mission to support the conservation of farm animal genetic resources and assure there is an adequate reservoir of bio-diversity for future needs. Foundation volunteers have worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the importance of preserving our animal genetic resources. One very important development from these efforts has been the recent creation of the Centre for Animal Genetic Resources in Saskatoon (CAGR). The Centre is currently focusing on evaluation of farm animal genetic diversity and on cryo-preservation of semen and embryos. We were very pleased that the Centre has chosen swine as the first species to work on, and the CSBA is assisting the centre in this initiative. The Foundation is continuing its efforts to maintain and increase awareness of animal genetic resources and advance other important initiatives in this area. CSBA is a gold level corporate member and would encourage individual members of CSBA to support the Foundation. For more information, visit the Foundation's web site at [www.cfagr.com](http://www.cfagr.com) or contact Pramod Mathur at the CSBA office.

### JOIN THE FOUNDATION NOW!

The Canadian Farm Animal Genetic Resources Foundation encourages you to join and support its initiative to increase the awareness and support for farm animal genetic resources conservation and technology developments.

#### Individual Membership

Gold	\$150.00
Silver	\$100.00
Bronze	\$ 50.00

#### Corporate Membership

Gold	\$1,000.00
Silver	\$ 500.00
Bronze	\$ 100.00

Send a cheque made payable to:  
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## DNA Bank for Canadian Swine



Samples have started to accumulate in a national swine DNA bank in conjunction with several research projects. This provides an important resource for both the breeders submitting the samples and for future research and development that will benefit the entire industry. An example of how the bank is useful is for evaluating newly discovered genes and markers, such as IGF2 for enhancement of sow productivity. Members are encouraged to consider providing samples from herd sires on a regular basis. The more samples that are provided, the more valuable the DNA bank becomes for everyone. Please contact Pramod Mathur through the CSBA office if you are interested in submitting samples or would like more information.



## Do you have something to contribute to CSBA-INFO?

In our newsletter, we endeavour to keep our members up to date on happenings not only within our organization, but on relevant issues that affect us all as members of the swine industry. If you have ideas for topics you would like us to cover or something you would like to contribute, please contact Tracy-Lynn Reside at (613) 233-8872 Ext 38 or by email to [tracy-lynn@ccsi.ca](mailto:tracy-lynn@ccsi.ca). We look forward to working with you in the New Year!



## Coming Events

### Western Swine Testing Association

Annual General Meeting  
January 16, 2007 at Executive Royal Inn, Calgary

### Canadian Swine Breeders Association

Annual General Meeting  
March 27, 2007 in Edmonton, Alberta

### Canadian Livestock Records Corporation

Annual General Meeting  
April 14, 2007 at Windham Bristle Place, Toronto



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