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Cull funds still available to hog producers

Ottawa, ON (July 17, 2008) – Canadian pork producers are now applying for the third allocation of funds under the Cull Breeding Swine Program (CBSP), funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and delivered by the Canadian Pork Council. As of July 11, 2008, roughly 500 applications from across Canada had been received, accounting for just fewer than 113,000 breeding swine.

Producers from all provinces are still potentially eligible for a CBSP payment. Applications must be sent no later than August 31st in order to qualify for the program and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifying producers, subject to application approval, will receive \$225 per breeding swine culled after April 14th.

“The CBSP is a valuable tool to help hog producers adjust to current market conditions,” says Jurgen Preugschas, new president of the Canadian Pork Council. “Producers considering downsizing or exiting the business still have time to apply to the program,”

To date, the program has approximately \$20 million available for new claims to cover transportation, euthanasia and disposal costs. Producers have 120 days from the time the application is received by the Administrator to complete their cull and provide all required documentation.

Applications for the Cull Breeding Swine Program are available on the Canadian Pork Council website at www.cpc-ccp.com. To participate in the program, approved producers must not sell potentially eligible breeding stock through commercial channels after April 14th, agree to depopulate an entire breeding barn and commit to not housing swine breeding stock in the same barn for three years. Options for disposal of breeding stock through this program are outlined on the application. All existing requirements for humane handling and transportation under provincial and federal guidelines apply.

Producers who have completed their cull should contact the Administrator to verify their claim status and to ensure all information is complete so their claim can be processed and paid. If you need help filling out your claim or if you have any questions about the CBSP, call or e-mail the Administrator at 1-877-655-2567 or cbsp@cpc-ccp.com.

The Canadian Pork Council serves as the national voice for hog producers in Canada. The federation is composed of nine provincial pork industry associations and plays a leadership role in achieving and maintaining a dynamic and prosperous Canadian pork sector.

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