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# Welcome

## The importance of producer-researcher dialogue



Ontario Pork believes that today's investments are tomorrow's innovations. Research funding is critical for the future of Ontario's swine industry.

Over the years research has been a pivotal component in reducing feed costs and developing new feed models, resolving health issues, improving animal wellness, and advancing genetics and reproduction leading to better pork quality. Investment in research is not a short-term venture. From the initial concept to the final outcome, it may take many years to see the positive impact research makes.

Ontario Pork is currently broadening the scope of its research priorities. Its new direction is to include product development and innovation as well as economic and business development. Funding for production research (nutrition, health, reproduction, envi-

ronment, welfare, and food safety) will still remain key components of the research portfolio.

Our industry has benefitted and will continue to progress with renewed commitment to research. *Pigs, Pork and Progress* offers a venue for showcasing the incredible scientific work that is occurring in our industry today.

Wilma Jeffray  
Chair, Ontario Pork

Ontario Pork is currently refocusing its research priorities and direction.

## Our research team – a key resource for the province's pork industry



Welcome to the seventh annual edition of *Pigs, Pork and Progress*, and as you can see in this magazine it has been an exciting year of progress in research despite the difficult economy and the problems faced by the swine industry in particular. The diversity and depth of research presented in this publication illustrates the successful partnership between Canadian swine researchers, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the pork industry. In these pages some of the individuals who devote their careers to solving problems in pork production are introduced. The output of innovations and ideas, and the knowledge base that is created by this team of researchers is important for the survival

and growth of the swine industry. The quality and applicability of the research depends on the feedback and input from producers and other members of the industry. Hopefully this magazine helps to stimulate this interaction between researchers and user groups.

Bob Friendship  
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