



ONTARIO PORK

## A committed research team working on your behalf

Ontario Pork has been providing support for research for a significant number of years. It has contributed to the progress we have made in this industry and will continue to do so into the future. During this period of extended low prices, it is important to continue to move research forward for the future advancement of the industry.

Research and development are the cornerstones of any industry. Research projects have addressed key issues and questions for responsible production, environmental integrity, animal health and welfare, and the marketing of safe, quality pork and pork products.

Some of the research is basic and will not have an immediate impact, but rather will lay the groundwork for future vaccines, nutritional strategies and formulations, reproductive gains, and methods to understand and combat diseases.

Other work is applied and can be utilized on the farm or by

industry partners to improve the health and welfare of your animals. The research conducted contributes to both realized and unrealized industry benefits.

Through producer contributions, Ontario Pork and researchers have been able to access further funding and have been able to grow every research dollar. This special supplement to Better Pork is only a snapshot of the swine research being conducted with the support of Ontario Pork funding.

Research takes a committed team. We are fortunate to have dedicated research organizations and swine researchers working on our behalf for the betterment of our industry and the whole of the agri-food sector. Take the time to read about the work that is being done with your contributions to research dollars.

Wilma Jeffray,  
Chair, Ontario Pork



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

The 2009 issue of *Pigs, Pork and Progress* highlights a number of the important areas where Ontario researchers are working to find solutions to problems in the pork industry. In addition, this publication serves as a way to introduce many of the individuals behind the studies. It also illustrates that the research program is extremely broad and of a high quality, and that the large research team behind it represents a very important resource for the province's pork industry.

The glowing success of the research community owes a great deal of thanks to the continued commitment of pork producers and Ontario Pork. Financial support for individual research projects through the research committee of Ontario Pork is

often the key step in launching a project that subsequently attracts additional funds from government and other sources. Also, input from the Ontario Pork research committee and other industry players helps to determine research priorities.

There are several projects listed in this publication that have relied on the co-operation and help of producers and other members of the pork industry, and for this we are very grateful. We ask for your continued help and welcome your feedback and ideas.

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