

Canada: Swine biosecurity programme receives new funding

The federal and provincial governments in Canada recently announced they will fund CAD\$150,000 to the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board (SaskPork) to deliver a new phase in the Saskatchewan Swine Biosecurity Program.



This phase aims to prevent the spread of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea (PED) during transport of Saskatchewan hogs. The investment provides funding for truck wash and transport audits performed by certified veterinarians, and provides education on transport biosecurity. As well, producers can access funding for follow-up veterinary visits to assess biosecurity protocols that were implemented during previous phases of the programme. Eligible producers will receive up to CAD\$700 for truck wash and transport audits, and up to CAD\$300 for a follow-up veterinarian visit.

Over CAD\$1 million has been committed for PED prevention, surveillance and response through the swine biosecurity programmes introduced under Growing Forward 1 in 2012 and under Growing Forward 2 in early 2014.

The Saskatchewan Swine Biosecurity Program is funded in part through Growing Forward 2, a cost-shared partnership between federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) governments designed to support an innovative, competitive and profitable Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector.

To date, there have been no confirmed cases of PED in Saskatchewan.

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