

## Market Trends



### Average cost of production per hog

(per Commodity Professionals Inc.)

\$252 ↑ \$219  
Q1 2023 vs. Q1 2022

### Average feed cost per hog

(per Gowans Feed Consulting)

\$188 ↓ \$201  
Q1 2023 vs. Q1 2022

### Western Canadian average hog pricing

\$219 ↓ -5.5%  
Q1 2023 vs. Q1 2022

### Hogs slaughtered in Alberta

524K ↓ -6.1%  
Q1 2023 vs. Q1 2022

## Government Relations



- Bill C-234: an Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act has passed third reading in the House of Commons and will now move onto the Senate.
  - Alberta Pork is optimistic the bill may become law later this year, which will create a carbon tax exemption on fuels used to heat barns and dry grain.
  - A carbon tax exemption on these fuels could save Alberta hog producers thousands of dollars per year.
- Throughout Q1 2023, Alberta Pork engaged in Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) consultations with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, which launches starting in Q2 2023.
  - Alberta Pork’s position on SCAP is that all funding must focus on farm-level needs to help producers adapt to climate change, energy optimization and other risk management opportunities.
- In February, Alberta Pork applied to the federal African Swine Fever (ASF) Industry Preparedness Program: Prevention and Preparedness Stream for funding to continue to support industry readiness.



*A vote for Bill C-234 is a vote for:*



Canadian farmers, growers and ranchers



Rural communities



Sustainable farming practices



Food security

## Environmental Footprint

- In March, representatives from the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (AEFP) attended Alberta Pork's semi-annual meetings to present on why environmental farm plans are important, what they are and how to develop one.
  - The AEFP is a requirement to receiving funding through the new Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP). Currently, 71 of 286 commercial farms in Alberta (25 per cent) have developed their own AEFPs.
- In March, Alberta pork producers participated in a survey launched by the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) to benchmark on-farm environmental sustainability practices.
  - The survey was launched in response to the Government of Canada's Sustainable Agriculture Strategy (SAS) consultations, which sought feedback from the industry.
  - Survey results will help CPC advocate for producers, when it comes to potential impacts of the SAS.



## Farm Safety

- In March, Jody Wacowich, Executive Director, AgSafe Alberta attended Alberta Pork's semi-annual meetings to present farm safety issues that have emerged and how to mitigate risks, sharing testimonies and examples from producers across the province.



## Wild Boar

- Throughout Q1 2023, Alberta Pork's wild boar eradication specialists captured and culled another 31 wild boar, for a total of 298 since the initiative began.
  - One wild boar specimen was taken for taxidermy, to be used as a model at trade shows and public events, to raise awareness of wild boar in Alberta.
- In February, Alberta Pork teamed up with Parks Canada officials to capture and collar 'Judas pigs' in Elk Island National Park.
  - 'Judas pigs' are intended to lead the way to entire groups of wild boar, so they can be culled using research-based methods of whole-sounder removal.
- In March, Alberta Pork welcomed Perry Abramenko – a former program manager with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation – to its suite of eradication specialists.
  - Abramenko's extensive history with wild boar eradication and expertise will prove invaluable to our efforts.

### Invasive wild pigs spotted in national park for first time at Alberta's Elk Island

By Bob Weber • The Canadian Press  
Posted October 11, 2021 12:45 pm • Updated October 12, 2021 10:36 pm



## Traceability

- Throughout Q1 2023, Alberta Pork’s e-manifest development and roll-out continued, in collaboration with provincial and federally inspected packers.
  - The e-manifest is an easy-to-use, paperless, efficient manner for submitting farm-to-farm hog movements and farm-to-slaughter movements with provincial plants.
  - Maple Leaf Foods (Lethbridge) is piloting its tailored version of the e-manifest for its Alberta producers.
  - Olymel (Red Deer) has begun to develop and implement its tailored version of the e-manifest for its Alberta producers.
- Throughout Q1 2023, Alberta Pork continued to engage producers in traceability compliance support, reaching out to producers who have not reported their movements destined for out-of-province abattoirs.
  - Producers are responsible for submitting manifests when shipping out-of-province, unlike shipping within the province, when it is the responsibility of the abattoir.
  - Producers should be diligent when double-checking their manifests prior to submission, as the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will be auditing five per cent of all Canadian hog farms this year for compliance.
- Alberta Pork continues to lead the national discussion on traceability funding, looking to shift the cost of traceability to the levy dollar, which is already paid by producers.
  - Adjusting the funding model will work to reduce the cost of ear tags for producers across the country and ensure traceability remains a viable tool if an on-farm disease outbreak results in an international trade disruption.
  - The national process to launch Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for new tag suppliers is also underway and is anticipated to open in Q2 2023.



## Quality Assurance

- Throughout Q1 2023, Alberta Pork’s Quality Assurance and Production Team hosted several PigSAFE | PigCARE program training sessions for producers.
  - Currently, 178 of 286 commercial farms in Alberta (62 per cent) have been trained on these programs.
  - Across Canada, nearly 80 per cent of commercial farms are currently covered.

## Producer Support

- In March, Alberta Pork’s semi-annual meetings took place for more than 200 producers in four locations across the province, including Drumheller, which was added to the list of locations this year.
- In April, Stephen Heckbert, Executive Director, Canadian Pork Council (CPC) embarked on a cross-country tour to meet with staff from all provincial pork producer organizations, including Alberta Pork.
- Throughout Q1 2023, Alberta Pork worked alongside other provincial pork producer organizations on CPC strategic planning, to ensure our national representation closely reflects the needs of each province.
- Where we will be heading next:
  - Alberta Pork Congress (Red Deer)
    - *Wed., June 14 & Thurs., June 15*
  - Calgary Stampede
    - *Fri., July 7 to Sun., July 16*