

Prairie Swine Centre Research Scientist, Nutrition Appointment

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Dr. Atta Agyekum Appointed Research Scientist, Nutrition at Prairie Swine Centre

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Saskatoon, May 12, 2025 – Dr. Murray Pettitt, CEO of Prairie Swine Centre (PSC) has announced the appointment of Dr. Atta Agyekum as the new Research Scientist, Nutrition at the Prairie Swine Centre. Atta will assume responsibilities on July 14, 2025. Dr. Agyekum has been part of the Canadian swine industry for more than the 10 years. Atta has served the pork industry in multiple capacities, including the research and commercial sectors.



After completing his Ph.D., he undertook postdoctoral training at the Prairie Swine Centre. While at PSC, he investigated the potential of processed straw to enhance the welfare and reproductive performance of pregnant sows in a loose housing system, followed by work at the University of Saskatchewan on the Pig Gut Microbiome.

"I am thrilled to return after seven years away from the Centre, to pursue my research interests in my area of specialization" notes Atta. I look forward to contributing to the advancement of science in agriculture and to continuing the Prairie Swine Centre's long and successful history of serving the pork industry."

Background:

Atta is from Ghana where he completed his bachelor's degree in agriculture. He then moved to the University of Manitoba, where he pursued both his master's and Ph.D. degrees in Animal Science. His doctoral research focused on understanding the nutritional and metabolic effects of feeding growing pigs a high-fibre diet supplemented with feed enzymes.

In 2020, he took a position as an Assistant Professor in monogastric nutrition at the University of Copenhagen. Currently, he is the Swine Validation Research Lead at Trouw Nutrition Canada, a role he has held for the past three years".

The Company:

Prairie Swine Centre Inc., located near Saskatoon, is a non-profit research corporation affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan, and is recognized globally for its contributions to practical, applied science, training and knowledge transfer in pork production with emphasis in the disciplines of nutrition, engineering, and applied animal behavior.

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