

PRAIRIE  
SWINE  
CENTRE

35  
YEARS

# Mission

## Provide Solutions to the Canadian Pork Value Chain Through Knowledge, Innovation and Communication

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PRODUCTION

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### Farm Business

## Work starts on hog research centre



by  
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### Meetings held to explain NISA

The Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) program is being used by governments to get payments out to farmers this fall.

While some fiddling with the regular long-term operation of NISA has been required to achieve payouts this fall, it can be said that the payments are not special emergency payments but arise out of existing "safety net" programs. We have yet to see if farmer protests can produce more significant farm deficiency payments.

Meetings dealing with your applications for NISA are being held across

■ The project is being paid for by Ottawa and Saskatchewan's pork marketing board.

By Jack Braidek  
Western Producer staff

SASKATOON— Ground was broken last week for the largest swine research facility in Canada.

The Prairie Swine Centre Inc., owned by the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and located at nearby Floral, is adding a 3700-square-metre research complex to its current sizeable facility. The new facility will enable extensive research into the growing and finishing stages of production, areas that had not been adequately supported by research in the past.

The project is being paid for by a \$1.9 million contribution from the federal department of western diversification and \$250,000 per year for three



WP photo by Jack Braidek

These scrapers roared into action as soon as the ground-breaking ceremony at the Prairie Swine Centre was over. The building will be in use early next year.

years from the Saskatchewan Pork Producer's Marketing Board.

Richard Wright, president of the producer board, said he felt a strong sense of accomplishment in seeing the project get to the building stage, and he looks forward to the facility enhancing the competitive ability of growers.

"It is not too often that research is front and centre in Saskatchewan," he said.

The Prairie Swine Centre Inc., a recently-formed corporation owned by the university, has taken over the university swine centre. John Patience, who served as director since 1987, has been appointed president of the cor-

poration. He said staff numbers will increase from nine to about 22, with researchers being added in nutrition, engineering, behavior and management.

A full-time extension person will also be employed to make sure the results of research move quickly into use on farms.

# Base Funding Support



Saskatchewan  
Ministry of  
Agriculture



UNIVERSITY OF  
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# PSC's Impact

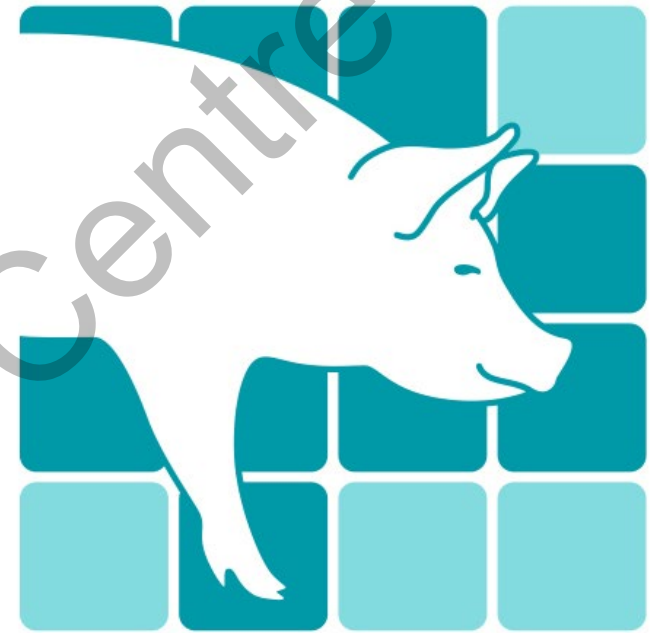
## Production Efficiency & Profitability

- PSC research adoption rate: 40% - 50%
- PSC research generated \$3.80/pig marketed/year over last 35 years
- **\$10.8 M** current economic value to MB swine industry/year

# The Next 35 Years: PSC's Ongoing Impact

- Production Efficiency & Profitability
- Shaping Industry: Practices, Standards & Social License
- Industry Leadership and Collaboration
- Animal & Worker Wellbeing
- Training Future Leaders

- **Thank you** for supporting PSC for all these years
- Looking forward to serving the industry for the next 35 years



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