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Research Assistant, Nutrition

THE POSITION: Applications are invited for the position of Research Assistant, Nutrition. This position is ideal for individuals who wish to utilize their education and technical expertise to solve practical problems in swine production. The main responsibility of the Research Assistant is to manage experiments to ensure that the objectives of specific protocols are attained. Specific responsibilities include developing experimental protocols, managing the daily requirements of a protocol, analysis and interpretation of results and preparation of reports and scientific articles. The daily requirements of a protocol may include diet preparation, general animal care and collection of biological samples. Some laboratory work may be required.

THE CANDIDATE: The successful candidate will possess a PhD degree in Animal Science or a related discipline. The position may be filled at the Master's level if the candidate has demonstrated exceptional aptitude in experimental techniques including data analysis and writing. Experience working with pigs and knowledge of commercial swine production is an asset but not required. The applicant must have strong organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills and can work either independently or as part of a team.

THE COMPANY: Prairie Swine Centre Inc. is a non-profit swine production research corporation located 10 km east of Saskatoon. It is affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan and is mandated to provide and distribute knowledge to ensure a profitable and sustainable pork industry. The Centre operates a 300 sow farrow-to-finish research herd in a barn with new gestation and farrowing facilities (Spring 2008) and currently employs approximately 40 full and part-time staff and students.

Prairie Swine Centre offers a competitive compensation package including an attractive benefits program. This position is available immediately and will remain open until a suitable candidate is obtained. Interested parties are invited to apply for this position by submitting a resume complete with the contact information of three references to Dr. Denise Beaulieu, Research Scientist, Prairie Swine Centre Inc., P.O. Box 21057, 2105 - 8th Street East, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 5N9. Phone (306) 667-7441; FAX (306) 955-2510; email: denise.beaulieu@usask.ca.

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