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Throughput an Important Component in Pork Profitability

Saskatoon, March 16, 2007 - The hottest topics in pork production will be discussed at the upcoming Focus on the Future Conference to be held in Saskatoon, March 27&28. The annual conference attracts pork producers and their suppliers from across western Canada seeking practical solutions to production challenges. The 7th annual conference has international caliber speakers in the areas of maximizing throughput in swine production systems, and optimizing the cost of production.

Tuesday, March 27 speaks directly to “Maximizing Throughput in the Production System.” Dr. Jim Lowe, Director of Health and Production Services for the Maschhoff’s (one of the 10 largest pork producers in North America) is one of the featured speakers at the Conference. Dr. Lowe will be addressing the issues surrounding throughput in swine facilities. “Increases in sow herd productivity and animal performance are creating challenges within many production systems. Older facilities were not designed for the number and size of pig today’s facilities are capable of producing. The challenge of throughput is actually one of becoming too productive, we must find ways of dealing with these issues without comprising animal welfare and profitability.”

Wednesday, March 28 focuses on “Optimizing the Costs of Production.” Day 2 of the program includes presentations on balancing costs and revenue within the production systems, management of large groups, impact of energy efficiency, and focusing on

ingredient valuation. For registration and additional program information visit our website prairieswine.ca, or call 306-373-9922.

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