



North American Producers Meet to Reaffirm Commitments to Food Security, Responsible Production

July 15, 2025 (Niagara on the Lake, ON) – North American pork producer leaders confirmed their industries' common focus on producing nutritious, sustainable and affordable pork at their recent trilateral meeting in Niagara on the Lake, ON.

Hosted by the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), the meeting was attended by officers of the CPC, the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) of the United States and the Mexican Pork Producer Organization OPORMEX.

The meeting, held to address issues of critical importance to pork production in North America, discussed animal care and health issues, and producers also reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate on efforts to reduce the risk of animal diseases, such as African swine fever.

"This was an opportunity for pork industry representatives to exchange ideas, discuss mutual challenges and possible solutions, and explore areas of common interest," said CPC chair and meeting host René Roy. "This foundation includes the adoption of new approaches and methods demonstrated by sound science to provide the best possible care and handling of our pigs, allow for environmentally sustainable use of our natural resources and achieve favourable results in the quality, safety, affordability and availability of our pork products."

"The North American pork industries – including both producers and pigs – are strongest when we collaborate, share challenges and solutions, and learn from one another," said NPPC President and Ohio pork producer Duane Stateler. "This important trilateral meeting accomplishes just that. American pork producers appreciate the opportunity to meet annually with our neighbors to the north and south to find new ways to reaffirm our commitment to producing pork in the best ways possible."

"For pork production, North America is more than just a trading bloc responsible for almost 50% of international pork trade. From an animal health perspective, it is a strategic region with great potential to continue supplying global demand," commented Heriberto Hernández Cárdenas, president of OPORMEX. "The exchange of experiences and analysis of the environment allows us to take coordinated action in each of our countries, with the goal of influencing the creation of conditions that allow us to better address the challenges facing our industries."

In their discussions, the leaders recognized that, in addition to production efficiencies and environmental sustainability, pork producers share with the rest of society the expectation that pigs are raised in a manner which respects their animal welfare needs as well as society's concerns that the industry uses antimicrobials prudently.

"North Americans should feel confident that their pork farmers are capable stewards of their animals and deeply committed to meeting our customers', and our fellow citizens', needs and expectations," concluded Roy, who farms in Quebec.

Pork is an important source of many essential nutrients including high quality protein, bioavailable iron and zinc, B vitamins and energy. Replacing some carbohydrate with protein foods, like pork, may have clinical benefits such as reduced appetite and calorie intake, improved blood lipids and muscle mass maintenance.

About the Canadian Pork Council

The CPC is the national voice for pork producers in Canada. A federation of nine provincial pork organizations representing more than 7,000 farms, the organization plays a leadership role in achieving and maintaining a dynamic and prosperous Canadian pork sector. The CPC serves its membership through national and international advocacy efforts as well as through the development and implementation of initiatives, such as food safety, animal care and health, traceability, environment and sustainability, international trade and nutrition.

About the National Pork Producers Council

NPPC is the global voice for the U.S. pork industry, protecting the livelihoods of America's 60,000 pork producers who abide by ethical principles in caring for their animals; in protecting the environment and public health; and in providing safe, wholesome, nutritious pork products to consumers worldwide. For more information, visit www.nppc.org.

About OPORMEX

The Mexican Pork Farmers Organization (OPORMEX) works daily to benefit the country's pork industry, creating conditions for the sustainable development of this activity and supporting the work of thousands of families linked to this sector, with the quality guarantee that has characterized Mexican pork. For more information, visit www.opomex.org.mx

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