



GSHM 2018

This event is over. Select videos of presentations are available on the [London Swine Conference YouTube site](#)

Other resources developed by the OMAFRA Swine Team and Prairie Swine Centre staff for the seminar:

Group Sow Housing Feeding Systems – Pros & Cons

Group Sow Housing Decision Tree

OMAFRA, Ontario Pork, Ontario Pork Industry Council, and The Prairie Swine Centre, with support from industry, held a seminar to help pork producers address challenges of sow management, in particular related to group housing.

The focus of the day will be "Overcoming Challenges".

Brought to you by the London Swine Conference, this seminar will feature practical information on various aspects of group housing. The program will focus on overcoming many of the common challenges that arise with group housing, as well as management techniques to help make the transition period and years to follow smooth for you and your herd. Group housing options will also be discussed.

GSHMS Seminar Program

9:00 am Registration
9:25 am Welcoming Remarks
9:30 am Common Challenges with Group Sow Housing,
Sylvén Blouin, Animal Welfare Director, Jyga Technologies, QC
10:10 am Producer Profile 1
Scott Hyshka, Mountain Vista Sow Unit, Sunterra Farms, AB
10:40 am Networking Break
11:10 am Mixing Practices & Social Behaviour of Sows
Dr. Jennifer Brown, Prairie Swine Centre, SK
11:45 am Producer Profile 2
Matt Davis, Hord Family Farms, Ohio
12:15 pm Lunch 12:15 pm
Breakout Sessions
2:00 pm Producer Profile 3
Francis Jolin St-Laurent, Production Porcs Plus/Ferme Porc-Saint, QC
2:30 pm Health Management in Groups
Dr. Karine Talbot, Hylife, MB
3:10 pm Networking Break
3:40 pm Lameness: Causes and Prevention Strategies
Dr. Laurie Conner, University of Manitoba, MB
4:15 pm Panel Discussion 5:00 pm Closing remarks
5:00 – 6:30 pm Social Time

Breakout 1: (for producers who haven't made the change yet or have within the last year):

Start-up Challenges: What to Expect

Mark Chambers and Scott Hyshka, Sunterra Farms Ltd., AB and ON

Breakout 2: (for producers who have been in GSH for >1 year):

Improving Production Efficiencies and Benchmarking

Dr. Greg Wideman, South West Ontario Veterinary Services, ON

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