

# DONALDSON INTERNATIONAL

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### WHAT'S NEW AT DONALDSON INTERNATIONAL

#### *1999 is our 20th anniversary*

**I**t has been 20 years since Jim established Donaldson International. Since 1979 we have exported many shipments of Canadian swine to over 28 countries world wide. Over the last 20 years Jim has travelled to many countries; putting on seminars, following up on past shipments, and visiting old friends and customers.

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Jim has always appreciated everybody's warm hospitality to him, and we would like to return your kindness, by inviting you to visit Canada, and help celebrate our year-long anniversary with us. During your stay we would be happy to show you some of Canada's high health purebred farms, you could tour some of Canada's top AI units. and we would also be able to arrange private meetings with swine nutritionists, geneticists, and animal health specialists.

If you are interested in taking this opportunity to help celebrate our 20th anniversary, as well as see what's new in Canada; please let us know. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

# P.R.R.S. ELIMINATED?

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**D**onaldson International Livestock Ltd. has been closely collaborating with Drs. Cate Dewey and Andrijana Rajic, researchers from the University of Guelph. Our objective has been to determine if P.R.R.S. (Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome) sero-negative pigs can be produced from P.R.R.S sero-positive herds through Segregated Early Weaning (S.E.W.) Half of the six herds participating in the study vaccinate for P.R.R.S. The stability of the breeding herds was assessed using serologic profiling (ELISA-IDEXX). Piglets were weaned at 10 days of age and isolated in our new S.E.W. quarantine facility. Piglets from the vaccinated herds were

housed separately from the piglets from the non-vaccinated herds. This included separate ventilation, manure handling, and personnel. Serial ELISA testing was conducted at weaning, 21 days, 30 days, 60 and 90 days. Littermates remaining on-site (at farm of origin) were also tested at weaning and 2 months of age. All pigs from the vaccinated herds were sero-negative from 60 to 90 days of age. The number of sero-positive pigs from the non-vaccinated increased over time. The preliminary results suggest that S.E.W. with a vaccination program in closed herds can produce P.R.R.S negative pigs. The repetition of the same trial is in progress. We will present the results in our next newsletter.



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## A NEW PARTNER AT DONALDSON INTERNATIONAL

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**J**imson Reagan, has joined Donaldson International as Sales and Marketing Manager. Reagan has just completed his studies at the University of Guelph, where he

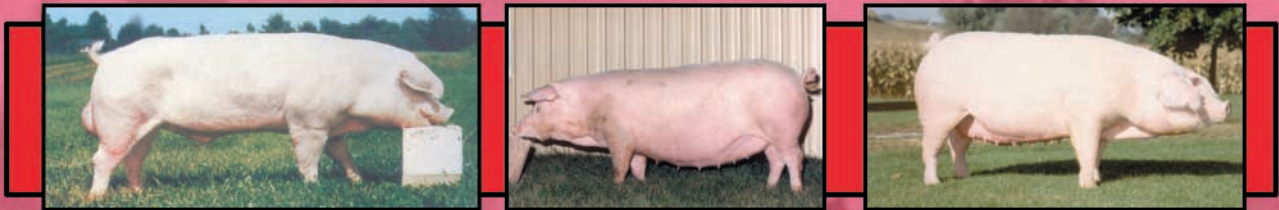
took Agribusiness and received his diploma, graduating in June 1998. Reagan is looking forward to meeting long established customers, and friends, as well as meeting new ones.

# CANADA'S MOST POPULAR EXPORT

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The Canadian Duroc is one of Canada's most popular exports. As most of you are aware, all of the Duroc found in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Australia, and New Zealand all originated from Canada sent by Donaldson International. The Canadian Duroc is so popular because of its ability to add exceptional performance,

bone structure, high meat quality, which includes: P.S.E. (Pale, Soft, and Exudative) free carcasses, heavy muscling, leanness, and most importantly intramuscular fat, which is the fat within the meat (marbling). This fat gives pork the excellent juiciness and flavour consumers love.



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## WISHING YOU LUCK IN 1999

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Jim and I would like to wish you luck in 1999. We look forward to hearing from you, whether by fax, phone, or E-mail. We are always interested to hear what is happening around the world. If we could be of any assistance, for advice

on breeding programs, health issues, or improving your genetics, we would be more than happy to help you. Until next time!

Reagan Donaldson  
Sales and Marketing Manager

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