

Hello everybody.

My name is Larry Maendel. I live on the Blue Clay Hutterite Colony. I manage our hog operation and our feed mill.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent my community and myself here today.

We are proud of our farming and agriculture background. We live off the land. We are not just here for a short period of time, only to move on to live in some city. We are not only here for ourselves, but for our children and many more generations to come. What we do today and how we operate today will be our children's future.

We are not investors. We are a family farm and stewards of the land. Regulations are not new to us and we do not dispute them. We follow very strict and strategic guidelines. Our hog operation is validated under the Canadian Quality Assurance program and has been since its introduction to Canadian hog producers.

Our feed processing plant is a state of the art facility and is subject to Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspections and calibrations. Industry professionals formulate our feed rations. Feed efficiency is a key factor to a hog operation's success.

Products are available on the market that will reduce synthetic phosphorus and calcium levels in the feed between 35 and 45%, making the natural phosphorus and calcium in the grains used more manageable for the animals digestive system. Note; that this is an added expense to the hog producer, pressuring their already very lean profit margins. But this again shows and demonstrates our