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This week the focus is on utility costs – gas, power, water. Many presentations have been made across Canada the past two years focusing on the differences we have measured between barns. Equipment, as well as farm management both contribute to the astounding fact that in farrow-to-finish barns we observed a four fold difference between the most and least efficient barns. This is the time of year when we can take advantage of reviewing our fan staging, setpoints, and hours of lights on vs off.

At PSC we have reviewed our own recommendations and reduced the set point in all rooms by 1°C in an effort to reduce heating expenses yet again.

I have made links to a three resources on our website for guidance in this area.

<u>Article 1</u> - Presentation on energy use in swine barns

Article 2 - See page 43 of the Swine Building Ventilation Guide

Article 3 - See page 2 of the Centred on Swine Publication

Our sincere best wishes to all pork producers as we tackle 2010 with new vigour and look forward to prosperous times returning to our industry.

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