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I was raised on a third-generation family farm in Oxford County, which includes cash crop and cow-calf operations. I also recently completed my PhD, with a focus on Ontario agricultural history; I am passionate about the past, present and future of our industry. I remain involved in our family operation, enjoying my time in the barn, in the field, and, yes, even the farm office. Over the years, I've gotten to know a few local pork producers and I enjoyed meeting more of you at the **Ontario Pork Congress** earlier this summer.

In this month's issue, our coverage ranges from a feature series on group sow housing by writer **Jim Algie**, to a review of the markets with **Moe Agostino** and **Abhinesh Gopal** and to **Ernest Sanford's** third article in his series on reproductive failure.

We're pleased to introduce the popular *Better Farming Up Close* department to *Better Pork* to highlight Ontario pork producers. This month, we profile **Steve Scott**, an Oxford County farmer with a pork finishing operation.

We're also happy to welcome the return of **Richard Smelski**, well-known in the pork community, as our Second Look department writer.

My new role as managing editor allows me to combine my love of ag with my love of research and writing. I am eager to continue to build relationships with Ontario farmers, being a member of this community myself. Please do not hesitate to contact me at andrea.gal@farms.com with any comments or ideas. **BP**

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