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US distribution agreement with Zierke Company



TOPIGS and Zierke Company in Minnesota (US) have concluded a distribution agreement. The agreement allows Zierke Company to use TOPIGS nucleus breeding stock and technology within its multiplication system for gilt production for clients. The TOPIGS InGene programme will also be used to assist existing Zierke customers with closed herd genetic programmes. TOPIGS acquires the genetic rights to the Zierke purebred Duroc line.

The agreement complements an earlier agreement with AI Partners, also in Minnesota, to establish a high-health, PRRS-free boar stud that will house over 100 TOPIGS terminal and maternal boars. The boar stud will now also house TOPIGS Duroc boars, in addition to Tempo, Talent and Top Pi terminal sires.

TOPIGS purchases GAP

TOPIGS has purchased the swine genetics activities of Canadian Maple Leaf Agri farms. Combined with the existing activities of TOPIGS in Canada, this provides a perfect basis for the future developments of TOPIGS in this country. Following this purchase, TOPIGS now has a 14% market share in Canada. The purchase includes GAP Genetics, the marketing and breeding organisation, and the nucleus farm Paradise Valley in Manitoba. With the purchase TOPIGS gains access to the market in Manitoba. Until now TOPIGS was mainly active in Ontario and Quebec.

Very successful Eurotier for TOPIGS

Canadian SPF boars exported to the Netherlands



On 25 December, 124 Canadian TOPIGS boars

arrived in Netherlands. The boars originate from the TOPIGS nucleus breeding farm in Saskatchewan, have the highest SPF status and belong to the absolute genetic top of the TOPIGS breeding stock. The boars were imported from Canada via Luxemburg. The transport period, just before Christmas, was specifically chosen, as then hardly any fatteners are being transported to slaughterhouses. This minimises the risk of contact with pathogens during transport. Ninety-four of the 124 boars are from the Tempo line. These terminal boars will go to an SPF AI station of Varkens K.I. Nederland, a sister company of TOPIGS. The other boars are A line boars for sow breeding they will be transported to Spain.