# Curt Kowalchuk

Commercial
Operations Manager

#### Contact

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## **Skills**

Natural leader

Staff Management

Startups and turnarounds

Strategic planning

Risk management

Employee relations and conflict resolution

Performance Evaluations

Operations management

Logistics Management

Workflow planning

In my previous employment, I had the privilege to oversee of 5 Units; located throughout Saskatchewan. My key responsibilities encompassed oversite of productive functions, human resources, and facility maintenance. Leadership functions included: direction of production, thus overseeing sales and logistics; generating more than \$16,000,000 of revenue annually. My direct budgetary responsibilities included all elements that attributed to operational functions.

# **Work History**

#### 2019-10 – 2022-06

## **Commercial Operations Manager**

Polar Pork Farms Ltd, Perdue, SK

- Leading a matrix management environment with oversight of operations, sales, human resources, environment, and maintenance.
- Positional scope: (1) oversight of 5-units, (2) increase year-over-year sales, (3) oversite of all HR functions, including: hiring, training, and employee discipline.
   This encompassed 5 direct reports and responsibilities to 60 staff, and (4) overseeing facility-based structural integrity to ensure compliance with all legislative requirements.
- In 2019, I was honored to assume oversite of a 5th unit, and increased year-over year sales by \$414,000.

#### 2016-05 -2019-09

## **Production Manager**

Polar Pork Farms Ltd, Perdue, SK

- Revitalized operational structures and procedures to successfully increase production, sales, the stabilization of HR functions, and to enhance facilitybased structural integrity.
- Positional scope: (1) oversight of 4-units, (2) increase year-over-year sales, (3) oversite of all HR functions, including: hiring, training, and employee discipline.
   This encompassed 4 direct reports and responsibilities that grew to 50 staff and (4) overseeing facility-based structural integrity to ensure compliance with all legislative requirements.
- I was fortunate to assume oversite of a 2nd, 3rd & 4th unit.

 Oversaw two start-ups, and successfully overtook supervision of an underperforming 4th unit.

#### 2015-05 -2016-05

## Farm Manager

Bear Hills Polar Pork Farms Ltd, Perdue, SK

- Worked closely with employees to improve practices, techniques, and safety choices, optimizing performance and minimizing waste.
- Turned a unit around that was on the verge of economic collapse.

#### **Education**

2022-08 - 2024-06	Executive Master of Business Administration University of Alberta - Edmonton, AB (Candidate)
2013-09 - 2015-05	Bachelor of Arts: Economics University of Manitoba - Winnipeg, MB
2007-02 - 2011-08	Bachelor of Management  Athabasca University - Athabasca, AB
2010-10 - 2011-05	University Certificate: HR/Labor Relations Athabasca University - Athabasca, AB
2009-09 - 2010-09	University Certificate: Marketing Athabasca University - Athabasca, AB
2007-02 - 2009-08	University Certificate: Administration Athabasca University - Athabasca, AB

#### **Achievements & Interests**

- 2018-2021, I served as a Director at Sask Pork, thus serving all producer interests.
- In 2019, I was awarded the SaskPork 'Production Excellence' Award of distinction.
- Coaching kids' fastball, self-improvement, sports, and spending time with my family.