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Biosecurity Measures for Swine at Shows and Fairs

Anytime swine are congregated, especially swine originating from different premises, there is an increased risk for the spread of diseases such as Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PEDv), Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS), Porcine Circovirus 2 (PCV-2) and influenza. Establishing and following sound biosecurity practices is the cornerstone for reducing the risk of spreading these diseases. With fair season rapidly approaching, the following are recommendations for swine owners and event organizers which will help minimize disease spread.

Prior to the event, it is recommended that owners:

- Clean and disinfect trailer(s) thoroughly prior to hauling swine.
- Only haul swine from the same premises.
- If swine from different premises must be hauled together, maintain solid separation between the pigs from different premises and minimize fecal contamination.
- Monitor the health of swine - if any pig is sick or has diarrhea or dermatitis, contact the event organizers so that appropriate alternative plans may be made.

Prior to and during the event, organizers should consider the following:

- Encourage exhibitors to report sick pigs and have an alternate plan for those animals, including a separate isolation area.
- Traffic flow – utilize a single directional traffic flow by designating a single entrance and exit point.
- Vehicle separation – maintain appropriate space between trucks and trailers to reduce the opportunity for incidental contact between swine.
- Designate a separate line for any swine that appear to be unhealthy at time of arrival; these pigs should be processed at a different location or after all healthy swine have been processed.
- Limit foot traffic – encourage owners to stay with their truck or trailer and limit foot traffic of all individuals that are not essential show or fair personnel.