



Framework in Place for Reporting PED Virus

Many producers and veterinarians have found value in working together to reduce the risk of introducing new PRRS virus infections in their herds. They have agreed to share outbreak information, disease status, and control experiences by communicating through an area coordinator.

The same opportunity exists for the swine industry to manage and control the latest disease that threatens U.S. pork producers—PEDV or Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus. This highly contagious disease, which looks very similar to TGE, was first identified in the United States this spring. The swine industry, with the help of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and the National Pork Board, has taken a very proactive approach in managing this new threat by dedicating resources for research, diagnosis, control and education.

The framework is already in place through the N212 PRRS Elimination Project to monitor new PEDV infections, map site statuses and cooperate with other producers to manage the problem. If your herd breaks with PEDV and you are willing to share this information, contact Dr. Dave Wright, coordinator for the N212 project to discuss the possibility of disclosure.

Swine producers are to be commended for their willingness to cooperate in a way that protects and promotes the entire pork industry. Keep up the good work!