

Date: March 16, 2016

To: Swine Project Members & Leaders

From: Sydney Bailey, Sauk County Fair Swine Superintendent
Meg Sage, Sauk County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Re: Swine Identification and Biosecurity for 2016 Sauk County Fair

Identification

- All hogs will be identified by completing the Swine Identification sheet with ear notches, an ear tag, distinctive color patterns and the sex.
- If your animal has an ear tag already, then you will be able to use that tag along with its ear notches as its main form of identification.
- If your animal does NOT have any ear tags, then you will need to request the number of tags you need from the Extension Office by April 15, by emailing Judy Gurgel at: JGurgel@co.sauk.wi.us. Tags will be mailed to you by April 20. You will be responsible for tagging your own animals. We cannot provide taggers, due to the possibility for spreading disease. Taggers can be purchased at your local farm store. Please watch the following video for more information on tagging pigs.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XMFdFUG2N0>
- Each youth is allowed to identify six market hogs. We suggest that you complete the Swine Identification sheet by family. For example, list the family last name, then each of the children's names on one sheet, with all of the hogs for that family. This way any of the kids listed at the top of the sheet will be eligible to show any of the hogs listed below.
- The enclosed 2016 Swine Identification form should be mailed to the Sauk County Extension Office. **Identification sheets must be postmarked by May 17.**

From the Fair Board

- The Sauk County Fair Board would like to announce and clarify changes that have been made to the 2016 Sauk County Fair Swine Show and Market Animal Sale. After reviewing and clarifying information received from the Wisconsin State Veterinarian, several important decisions have been made involving the 2016 Swine Show.
 - The 2016 Swine Show will NOT be a terminal swine show.
 - Swine, picked for the Market Animal Sale, will be allowed to move into Progress Hall for the sale, proceeding in the normal rotation order.
 - As per the Special Order from the Wisconsin State Veterinarian, no spring weigh in will occur.
 - Biosecurity recommendations directed by Special Order, from the Wisconsin State Veterinarian, will be followed; no other special measures will be taken. No foot baths or foot slippers/booties will be used in the swine barn at this time. It is suggested that youth participants and their parents consider their biosecurity needs if choosing to return swine to their farm after the fair.
 - Rules for the Swine Show and Market Animal Sale are subject to change to stay in accordance with any new rulings from the Wisconsin State Veterinarian. For questions, please email info@saukcountyfair.com
- Just a reminder - you need to have two educational credits in order to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale at the County Fair. **The last date for you to turn in points into the Sauk County Fair Office is Friday, June 15th.** You also must participate in a showmanship class to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale.

Fair grounds Clean-up day – June 25

- The Meat Animal Sale Committee is continually using the 2% of the Meat Animal Sale commission to make improvements to the Fair grounds. This year, they will be purchasing new latches and boards for swine pens. **ALL youth exhibitors enrolled in the swine project are asked to attend Fair grounds Clean-up day on Saturday, June 25 from 9am-noon to help attach the new latches, and modify the doors on the swine pens.** Please bring hammer, drills, extension cords, saws, and other items that might be helpful for modifying the doors and attaching the new latches in the swine barn.

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv)

- PEDV is NOT a human health issue. Pork remains completely safe to eat.
- It spreads through fecal matter.
- Currently there is no vaccine available to cure or prevent PEDV.
- PEDV is a pig farming virus only affecting pigs. It poses no risk to other animals, humans or food safety.
- PEDV is not a new virus; it's been found in countries worldwide.
- The USDA, State Animal Health Officials, the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and veterinarians at the National Pork Board and the National Pork Producers Council are actively engaged in monitoring and continuing to manage this disease.
- This website have more information from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumerism
http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Diseases/Porcine_Epidemic_Diarrhea/index.aspx

Biosecurity

- Because PEDv is so highly contagious. ANYONE involved with the pork industry is asked to practice HIGH biosecurity standards.
- Do not wear any piece of clothing, shoes, etc that you wear to the barn anywhere, except the fair. Make sure to keep your barn clothes and shoes separate from those you wear off the farm.
- More biosecurity measures can be found at:
<http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Animals/pdf/Producer%20Flyer.pdf>

Biosecurity Practices for Sales/Farm Visits

- Contact the farm(s) that you will visit in advance. Do they have any requirements for visitors – i.e. not visited another farm for 24 hours; will they provide disposable boots, coveralls; is there a specific location you should park your vehicle?
- Ask questions about the health of the animals you are purchasing. Have there been any health challenges in the current group of pigs for sale? If so, have they been treated and with what product(s)?
- What vaccinations have the pigs received? When were they given?
- The biggest risk for spreading PEDv is through fecal material. If manure gets on your shoes, clothes, truck mats, trailer, equipment or other items, they should be washed, disinfected and dried when you get home and before going to another farm, sale, or into your barn.

State Fair

- Meat Animal Quality Assurance certification is also a requirement to be eligible to show your hog at the State Fair. Meat Animal Quality Assurance was offered at Super Saturday. There is not currently an additional Meat Animal Quality Assurance class scheduled. If you still need to complete MAQA to meet the requirement for State Fair, please contact Meg as soon as possible, so she can help you find an MAQA session in a neighboring county. Or if there are enough youth who still need to attend MAQA, another session may be scheduled in Sauk County.

2016 Wisconsin county, district, and state fairs Animal Health Rules and Regulations are available at http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Fairs_and_Shows/index.aspx It is always a good idea to review these rules and regulations to make sure there are no changes.

If you have any further questions, please email Sydney at sabailey1117@gmail.com or Meg at margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu.

Enclosures – Swine Identification Sheet

SAUK COUNTY FAIR SWINE IDENTIFICATION FORM

This form must be returned to the Sauk County Extension Office,
505 Broadway, Baraboo, WI 53913 postmarked by May 17.

Family Last Name _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter _____

Children's Names _____

Ear Notches (Draw in the ear notches on both ears. Use Universal Ear Notching System)	Ear Tag # (Can use your own tags, or request from Extension Office)	Breed, Color, Markings	Sex
			
			
			
			
			
			