



PRRS Management in Wisconsin



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Situation Overview

- Industry leaders have met for 20 months to discuss PRRS issue in Wisconsin.
- Currently 13 counties in southwestern area of the state are designated as a PRRS control area.
- Vaccines may limit PRRS impact, but are not 100% effective.

Statistics

- Estimated 75,000-80,000 pigs per year come into Wisconsin
- 90% come from Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois
- 90% weaned pigs
- Large number of movements occur seasonally and consist of fewer than 50 pigs

Perhaps the biggest reason we have taken steps to control PRRS:

\$700,000,000

Annual cost to producers per year

Strategy

- ✎ Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) works closely with Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) to implement guidelines
- ✎ WPA providing PRRS rope test in two largest hog producing counties, Grant and Sauk
- ✎ Educational meetings held in affected counties to provide tools to avoid or control PRRS
- ✎ Require PRRS disclosure statement to issue import permit

Biosecurity

- ✎ Extra steps to reduce the spread of disease including:
 - Controlled movement of hogs
 - Controlled movement of people
 - Limiting vehicle access to farms
 - Working with veterinarians and neighbors to control spread

Import Permit

- ✎ Wisconsin had required an import permit for swine
- ✎ New guidelines require a disclosure statement about PRRS status to acquire an import permit
- ✎ Statement must be on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) about the PRRS status.
- ✎ Permit is free but must be requested before the hogs are moved into Wisconsin

NOTE:

Sows or butcher pigs coming in for harvest are exempt from the permit.

Future Plans

- ☞ Currently no restriction on pigs with positive PRRS status
- ☞ Testing pigs at fairs this summer
- ☞ DATCP to make rule changes requiring PRRS status disclosure
- ☞ Continue education and outreach
- ☞ Follow discussion with national stakeholders and partners
- ☞ Develop a regulatory program to eradicate????

- ☞ Questions



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