Swine Biosecurity Tasks Before, During and After a Show

What Show Management Can Do

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Exhibitors

• Preparing before pigs
• New pigs
• First few weeks
• Prior to show
• At the show
• Returning home
  – With or without pigs
Exhibitors

• Many exhibitors do not think of biosecurity
• Might not think of it broadly enough
  – Trailers, showbox, etc.
• Educational opportunity
Prior to Show – Show Management

• Determine health “rules”
  – State laws and regulations
  – Terminal vs Non-terminal
  – Market vs Breeding
  – Premium book
  – Communicate far and wide!
Prior to Show – Show Management

– Other communication?
  • Exhibitors
  • Local veterinarians
  • 4-H Leaders and FFA instructors
  • Breeders

• Create environment that is not punitive
  – Build trust
  – Avoid judgement
Prior to Show – Show Management

• Develop crisis management plan
  – More than just disease outbreak
  – Involve experts prior

  – Volunteer/Superintendent training/awareness
  – Exhibitor communications
  – Media response
  – Create isolation plan
Prior to Show

• Disinfect facilities
  – Pens
  – Gates
  – Wash rack

• Disinfect equipment
  – Sorting boards
During the Show

• Post show veterinarian contact information
• Observe daily – walk throughs
• Create environment that is not punitive
  – Build trust for reporting
• Report
• Remove sick pigs
  – Where and how?
  – Minimize disease transmission
During the Show

• Sick pigs (continued)
  – Do not restock pen once sick animals are removed
  – Avoid foot traffic around pen
  – Manure and equipment (broom, shovel)
  – Wash hands
  – Change and wash clothes
If an Outbreak Occurs...

• Hopefully have established relationship with veterinarian
  – Who understands shows

• Consider risks
  – Zoonotic?
  – Transmission?
  – Terminal show?
  – Commercial swine industry implications?
Take Home Messages

• Many exhibitors may not think of biosecurity
  – Educational opportunity

• Show management – involve veterinarian – plan in place before an outbreak

• If an outbreak occurs:
  – Don’t ignore it
  – Don’t overreact
Resources

• National Pork Board
  – https://lms.pork.org/Tools/View/show-pigs
  – Several fact sheets for exhibitors and show management