

# PEDv Heightened ALERT!!



Please be aware there has been a diagnosis of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) at multiple livestock shows in Texas and Oklahoma. Pigs have become ill and it's safe to assume most pigs that were at the shows or are there now have been exposed.

It's important to remember that this very contagious virus can survive in different types of materials, and organic matter such as shavings and manure can carry the disease on trucks, trailers, boots, clothing, equipment and people.

The disease causes a transient illness in feeder pigs and mature swine. In baby pigs it can cause up to 100% mortality. **PEDv is NOT a human health risk. Pork IS SAFE to eat.**

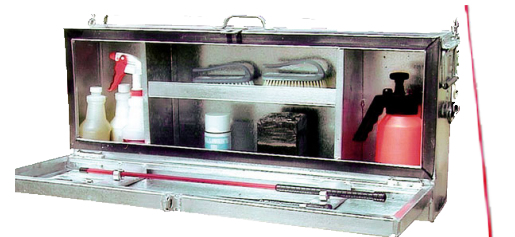
## haven't done it yet...

## SHOULD!!

**When the show ends, the real work begins:**  
Bio-security is just as important after the show!

Although the spring major show season is nearing its end, there are still county shows across the state, in addition to the coming showpig-buying season for summer and fall shows. Taking the necessary precautions is important right now to protect the health of our industry. While it may be simple to just rid the pens of sand or shavings, cleaning and disinfecting your barns, trailers and even all of your tack is an important step to ensuring the health of your next set of pigs and everyone else's. When cleaning equipment you can't just stop with the outside of your showbox. All showbox contents such as spray bottles, brushes, feed cups, buckets and even your whip need to be disinfected.

- Make sure to wash everything well; disinfect with diluted Clorox, Tek-Trol or other disinfectant, and let it all sit for a period. It is best to do this at a location not on your farm or in an isolated area farthest away from high traffic area and animals.
- Do not wear the same clothes, shoes or caps you wore at the show once you arrive home. Clean and disinfect as soon as possible.
- Dispose of any unused feed that was in the barns. It is possible for virus particles to survive on feedstuffs.
- Monitor all animals daily for illness. If you see any signs of illness alert your veterinarian immediately.



**An ounce of prevention,  
is worth a pound of cure.  
Dilution is part of the solution.**

# Biosecurity for farm visitors

Don't forget your farm visitors need to follow biosecurity practices while on your farm, follow these few tips to help keep your pigs healthy.

- **COMMUNICATE** with the visitors prior to their arrival as to your expectations. Establish where to enter the farm, park, and what to wear. This should be away from the livestock barn and if possible on a gravel or hard surface.
- **LEAVE ALL PERSONAL ITEMS** in the vehicle and do not bring them onto the farm; this should include, but not be limited to pig whips/bats, ball caps, jewelry, etc. (anything that manure or infected dust particles can be transported on should be avoided).
- Request that visitors **DO NOT TOUCH** any pigs while on the farm if they do not have to. People that touch hogs need to sanitize hands upon departure before getting back into their vehicle.
- When leaving have visitors **REMOVE DIRTY BOOTS** next to their vehicle but before they enter the vehicle. Put trash into a garbage bag and place in a designated location away from clean supplies and animals.
- Inform visitors to **WASH/DISINFECT VEHICLES AND TRAILERS** in between each farm visit to help protect their own animals.



Protect the health of the swine industry. We are all responsible for protecting livestock health and must be held accountable.

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For more information on PEDv, please visit the following websites:

[www.texaspork.org/industry-resources](http://www.texaspork.org/industry-resources)

[www.pork.org](http://www.pork.org)