New Testing Required for Swine Moving In and Into Wisconsin

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MADISON – Swine moving into and within Wisconsin will have to meet new testing requirements beginning Feb. 1, State Veterinarian Dr. Paul McGraw announced.

The new requirements are intended to help control the spread of two diseases: swine enteric corona virus disease, known as SECD, and porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome, or PRRS. Both have caused significant hardship in the swine industry. Neither is a human health threat.

Like all animals, swine entering Wisconsin must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection, or CVI, signed by a veterinarian who has examined them in the past 30 days and found them to be apparently healthy. In addition, the CVI must now include:

- A report showing that they came from a herd that has tested negative for the two diseases in the past 90 days.
- A veterinarian's statement that the animals showed no signs of either disease when they were examined.
- A statement from the event veterinarian, if they came through an out-of-state sale or exhibition where they were mixed with swine from other herds, that all the herds tested negative and that none showed signs of either disease.

Swine that don't meet these requirements can enter Wisconsin with a CVI and import permit from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. However, they will be quarantined until a Wisconsin veterinarian has developed a herd plan addressing testing and biosecurity, and DATCP has approved the plan.

If the swine go directly to slaughter or to a veterinary clinic for treatment, or if they are returning from an out-of-state veterinary clinic, they do not need to be tested. Exhibitors who move swine into and out of the state for fairs or other exhibitions must notify DATCP. If their animals are potentially exposed to swine from positive herds at the events, they will be quarantined on return until they have a herd plan approved. They can get a herd plan approved before leaving the state, which may avoid a quarantine.

Swine moving within Wisconsin must now also test negative for PRRS and SECD within 90 days of movement, unless they're going to slaughter, either directly or after a terminal fair or show.

For more complete details, visit https://datcp.wi.gov and search "swine movement."

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