

Biosecurity Survey

NOTE: The detailed results of this assessment are for use on the study farm only. Only summary data will be included in the final report of this study. No farm business, location or individual will be identified.

Please return by November 15, 2020

- 1) Based on your current understanding, how would you define the term "biosecurity?" You can be as brief or thorough as you want to be: _____

- 2) Do you allow visitors to your farm access to livestock areas? (circle one) YES NO
a. Do you allow visitors to have contact with your pigs? (circle one) YES NO
If yes, briefly explain _____

b. Do you require visitors to wash hands before visiting pigs? (circle one) YES NO
c. Do you require visitors to wash hands after visiting pigs? (circle one) YES NO
d. Do you require visitors to wash their shoes before visiting pigs? (circle one) YES NO
e. Do you require visitors to wash their shoes after visiting pigs? (circle one) YES NO
- 3) Do you visit other farms where pigs live? (circle one) YES NO
a. If yes, do you take any measures to prevent transporting diseases between locations? Please answer briefly: _____

- 4) Do you participate in livestock exhibitions or sales? (circle one) YES NO
a. If yes, do you take any measures to prevent transporting diseases between locations? Please answer briefly: _____

- 5) Do you have a system for animal quarantine? (circle one) YES NO
If you answered "yes," do you quarantine:
a. New animals? (circle one) YES NO SOMETIMES
b. Sick animals? (circle one) YES NO SOMETIMES
c. Animals returning to the farm from exhibition? (circle one) YES NO SOMETIMES
d. Other (briefly explain): _____
- 6) Please describe what "quarantine" means to you (for example, if you had to give livestock quarantine instructions to an employee): _____

- 7) What type of housing facility do you use for your pigs?
 - a. Total confinement, mechanical ventilation of building
 - b. Total confinement, natural ventilation but no outside access
 - c. Open building with outside access
 - d. Lot, pasture, woods (or combination) with built shelter

- e. Lot, pasture, woods (or combination) with natural shelter
- f. Other: _____

8) Do your pigs have potential contact with wildlife (birds, rodents, etc)? (circle one) YES NO
a. If yes, what wildlife? _____

9) Do your pigs have contact with any other livestock species? (circle one) YES NO
a. If "yes," please list here: _____

10) Do you have a rodent control program on your farm? (circle one) YES NO

11) Do you have a carcass management plan on your farm? (circle one) YES NO

12) Does your farm currently have a biosecurity plan? (circle one) YES NO

13) Have you ever seen "feral" or wild pigs near your farm? (circle one) YES NO

14) Do you borrow from or share livestock equipment with another farm? For example, a livestock trailer, tractors, panels, etc. (circle one) YES NO

15) To your knowledge, have your pigs experienced a disease outbreak in the last 3 years? Explain: _____

16) Please indicate which of the following diseases you feel informed about:

- a. Mycoplasma hyopneumonia _____
- b. Porcine Circovirus _____
- c. Actinobacillus _____
- d. PRRS _____
- e. Leptospirosis _____
- f. Swine Brucellosis _____
- g. Pseudorabies Virus _____
- h. Rabies Virus _____
- i. Foot and Mouth Disease Virus _____
- j. African Swine Fever Virus _____
- k. Swine influenza _____
- l. Internal parasites _____
- m. External parasites _____

17) How confident are you that your farm is well protected from contagious disease?

Not Confident *Somewhat Confident* *Confident* *Very Confident*

18) Are you interested in a consult for your farm's biosecurity risks?

Not at all *Maybe* *Ok, if it's free* *Yes, please!*

19)

20) What factors may prevent you from implementing new biosecurity recommendations on your pig farm (check all that apply):

- a. Too time consuming _____
 - b. Don't understand the recommendations _____
 - c. Expensive _____
 - d. Don't believe they are necessary _____
 - e. Don't match my values _____
 - f. Don't know how _____
 - g. Other: _____
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Thank you for completing this survey!

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