

# Swine Biosecurity Survey 1

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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:

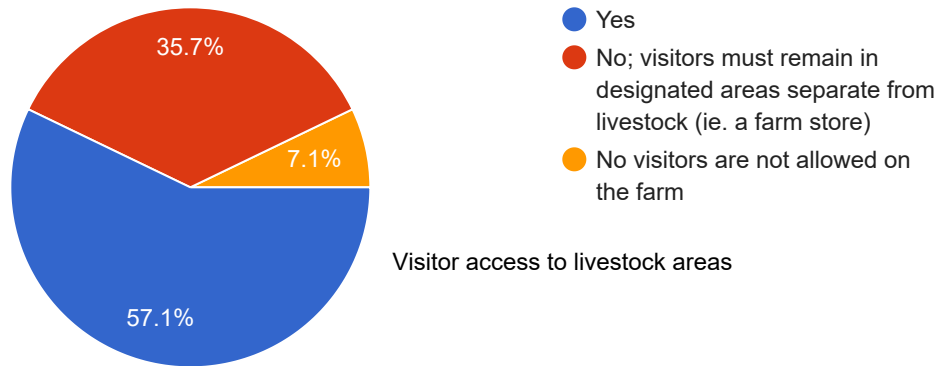
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- Maintaining herd health by preventing cross contamination with other farms/ animals.
- The process of taking steps to limit risk or exposure to bio hazards on your farm.
- Making sure that you don't bring something in from another farm or house into or onto your farm.
- Doing my best to reduce the chances of letting a foreign pathogen onto my farm and into my livestock
- Procedures to prevent diseases from being transmitted from outside the farm or between groups of animals on the farm.
- Making a break between animals and public access
- Using proper methods/practices to prevent the spread of diseases/parasites/etc., between groups of animals, particularly via the spread of fecal matter.
- Biosecurity means preventing harmful pathogens from getting on your farm and eventually into your animals by not importing high risk, off farm materials from entering your farm without due diligence.
- Making a break between animals and public access



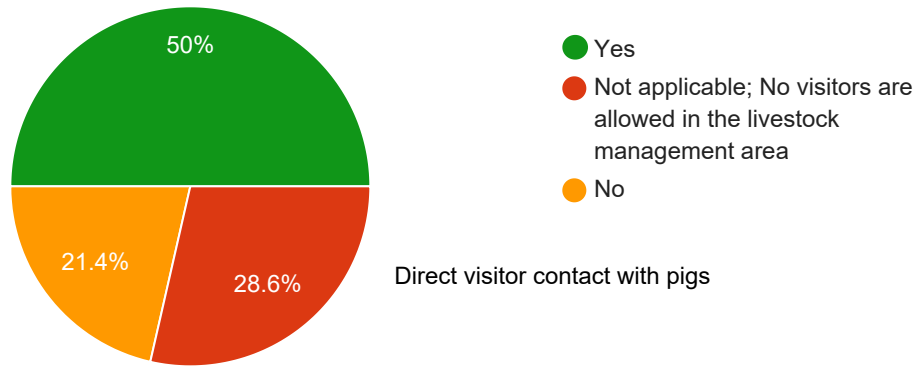
2) If you allow visitors to your farm, are they permitted access to livestock management/ housing areas?

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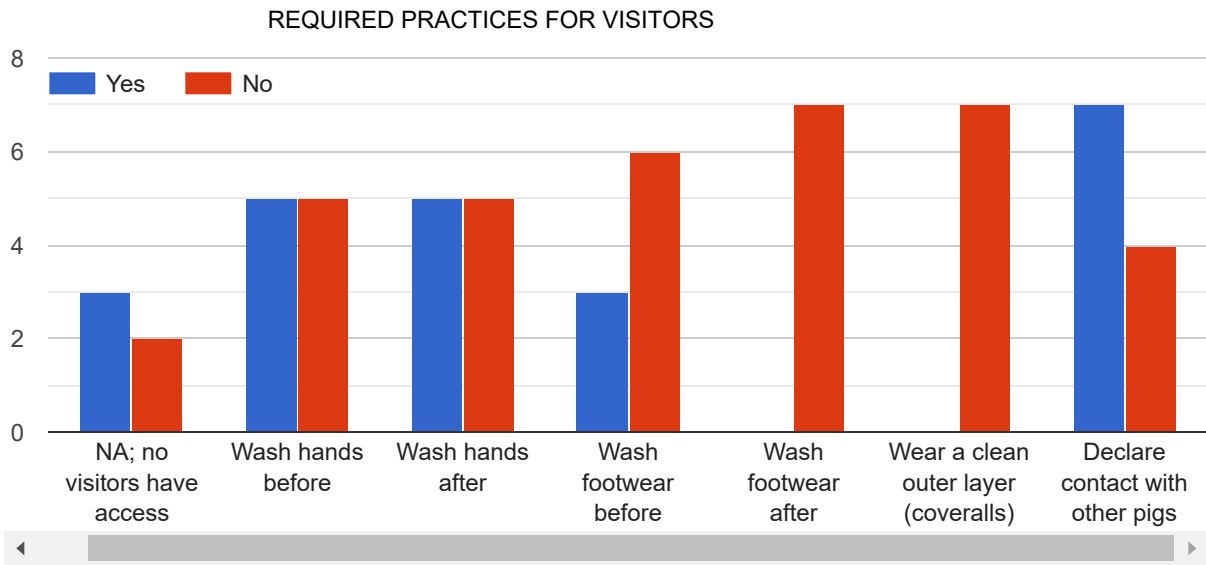


3) If you do permit visitors to access livestock management/housing areas, are they allowed direct contact with your pigs? (Petting them, feeding them, walking inside pig housing, etc)

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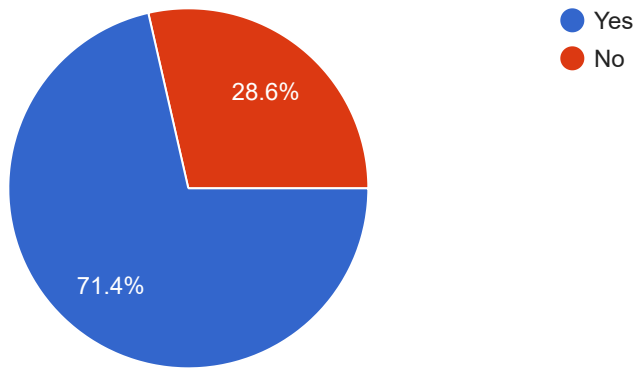


4) Please answer which practices you require visitors to do when coming in contact with your pigs:



5) Do you visit other swine farms?

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6) If you answered "yes" above, do you take any measures to prevent transporting diseases between locations? Please answer briefly:

10 responses

Boot wash, change of clothes, and booties

We use boot wash and will change cloths depending on contact level. For the above questions on visitors we first ask if they have been on any farms or in contact with pigs/swine in any way in the last week. If the visitors are not involved in farming or have not been around livestock of any kind we are more open to then walking in pastures.

Bring another pair of boots that are clean, then clean before I use for my farm.

Sanitizing of boots and changing clothing

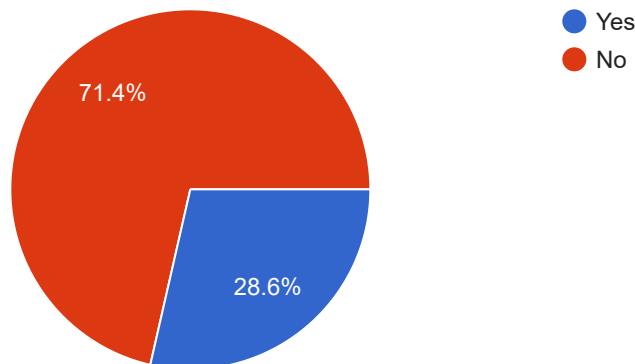
Yes, clean hands, clothing, and footwear worn to another farm and cleaning/changing before coming in contact with my own swine.

Clean footwear before and after, but honestly could do a better job. But I am not normally going into actual livestock areas, only driveways/farm store.



7) Do you participate in livestock exhibitions or sales? (choose one)

14 responses



8) If you said "yes" above, do you take any measures to prevent transporting diseases between locations? Please answer briefly:

5 responses

Clean trailer, and never bring a contaminated trailer close to my herd prior to cleaning

We use our own trailer and bring them to one fair, our trailer is used to transport the market hogs to market and boar to his location.

Not applicable

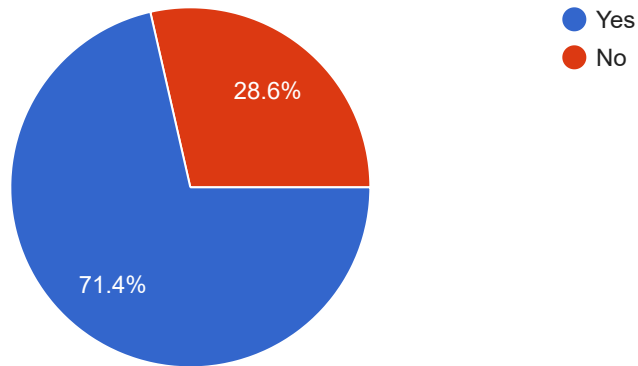
Changing all clothes and footwear even after washing boots

NA we just sell piglets and we have a designated area they are picked up from and then that area is sterilized.

Changing all clothes and footwear even after washing boots

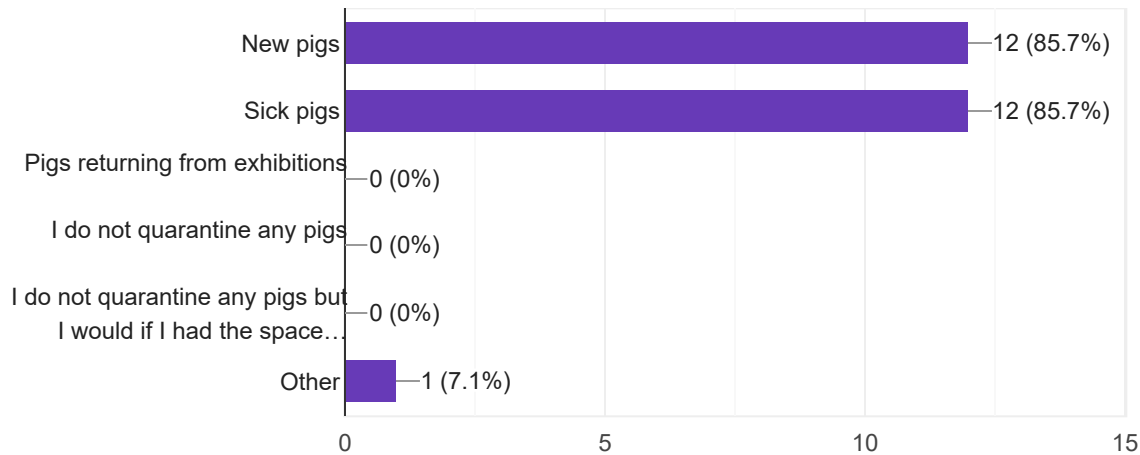
9) Do you have swine feed delivered to your farm on a regular basis?

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10) Please identify when you may quarantine pigs on your farm (check all that apply):

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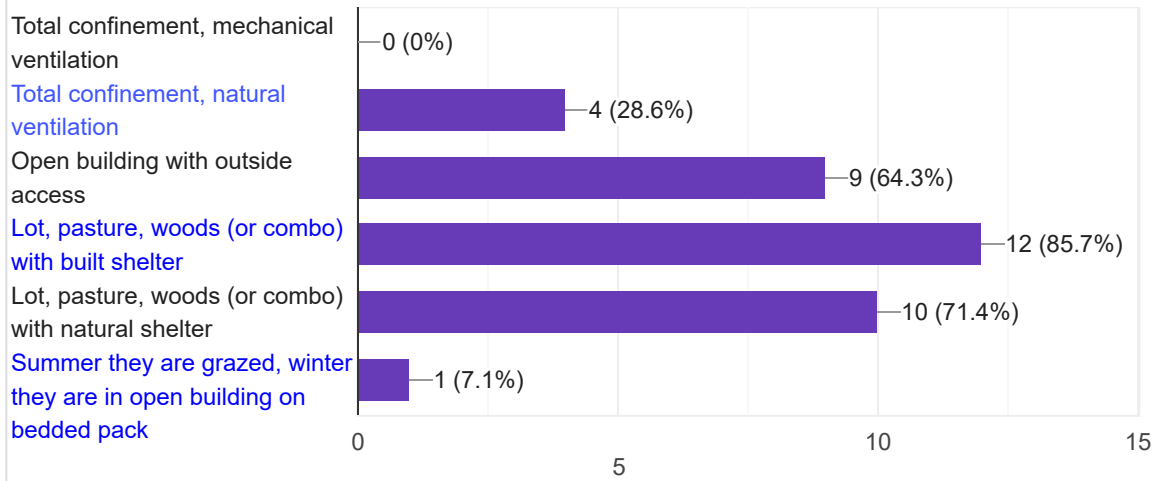
11) Please briefly describe what “quarantine” means to you (for example, if you had to give livestock quarantine instructions to an employee):

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- Separated from herd as to not spread disease.
- Separate area from any other areas for a certain amount of time.
- Piglets are kept separate during the summer months and sick pigs go into isolation
- Separation of one or a group of animals from all other livestock.
- When I quarantine pigs they are in a pen in a separate barn for at least 2 weeks.
- Put new pigs in separate outdoor pen for 3 weeks.
- We keep those new pigs from another farm separated for a month from other swine. Piglets are kept separate during the summer months and sick pigs go into isolation
- New boars are housed and cared for separately for about a week.
- The new pigs are kept separate from the two herds (breeding or meat) in one of the barns that can then be sterilized after. They are kept separate for a full 7 days and then introduced to the herd.
- We use a pen by itself.
- Separation of one or a group of animals from all other livestock.
- No access to other animals and feeding these animals are done last and not going back into main herd after feeding without changing all gear
- Separating an animal or group of animals until a time that it can be determined that those animal(s) are healthy or healthy again enough to return to the rest of the herd/group.
- Pigs are at least 200 feet away from another pig included multiple barriers (building, fences, etc...), separate clothes/boots for the quarantined pig/s, wash clothes/boots after every visit and spray with surgical solution, wash hands before and after every visit, minimize visits, and test pig if needed before they leave quarantine.
- Quarantine, in reference to biosecurity on a pig farm, means preventing an animal from potentially spreading disease until it has been deemed a safe risk.

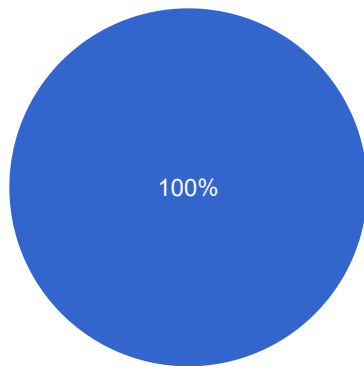
### 12) What type of housing facility do you use for your pigs? (Check all that apply)

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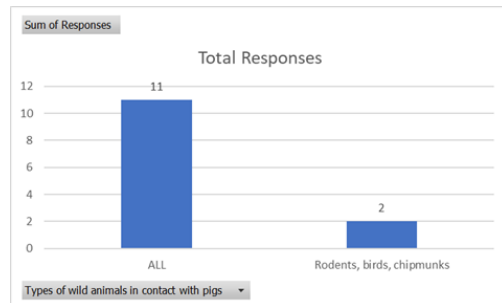


### 13) Do your pigs have potential contact with wildlife (birds, rodents, etc)? (Choose one)

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● Yes  
● No



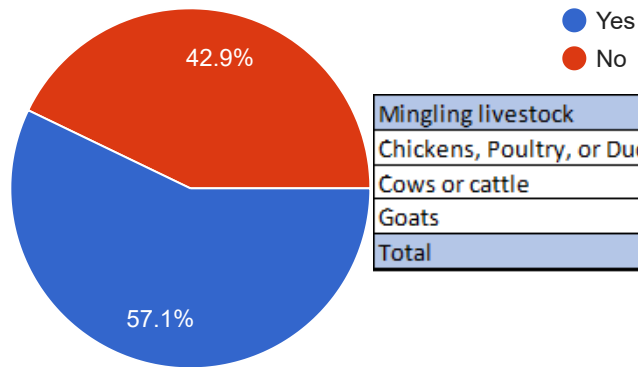
14) If you answered "yes" above, please list what type of wildlife (eg. rodents, birds, deer, etc.)

13 responses

- All
- All of the above, they are pastured in the summer.
- When they are out for the spring/summer they could have these animals come into their pens?
- Turkeys, deer, skunks, raccoons, rats anything that may happen to wander by there summer pastures or fly over.
- Our pigs are pastured so all wildlife can come in contact with them.
- All wild animals
- Birds, deer, foxes, coyotes, skunks, rabbits, woodchucks, etc. Basically anything that could be in a forest in Maine.
- Rodents, turkeys, birds, deer, coyotes - everything that lives in Maine.
- All, we have no practical way to exclude wildlife from pastures.
- Birds, chipmunks, mice.
- Rodents, birds, deer, etc.
- When they are out for the spring/summer they could have these animals come into their pens(?)
- Rodents and birds.
- Rodents, birds, deer, raccoon, possum, etc.

15) Do your pigs have contact with any other livestock species on your farm? (Choose one)

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Mingling livestock	# of Responses	Percent Responses
Chickens, Poultry, or Ducks	6	55%
Cows or cattle	4	36%
Goats	1	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>





16) If you answered "yes" above, please list those livestock species here ("livestock" includes poultry and horses):

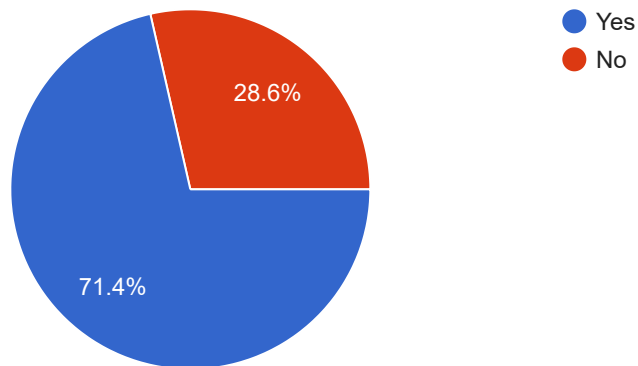
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- Poultry
- Cattle
- Not applicable
- We graze around the pig pastures with cows, sheep, and chickens, so they are not in direct contact, but pasture the same fields.
- Cattle
- Chickens and Ducks
- Cows in the summer and chickens sometimes.
- Chickens
- Goats, chickens, cows



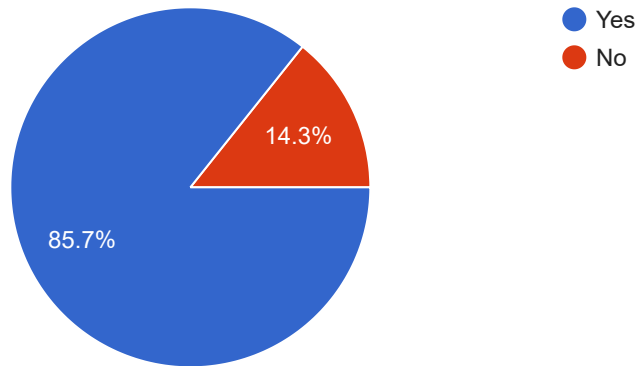
17) Do you have a rodent control program on your farm? (Choose one)

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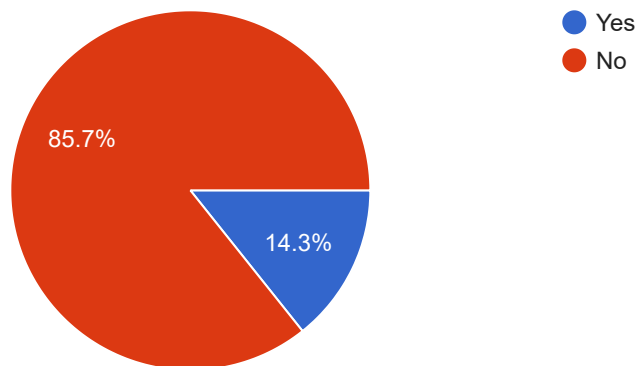
18) Do you have a carcass management plan on your farm? (Choose one)

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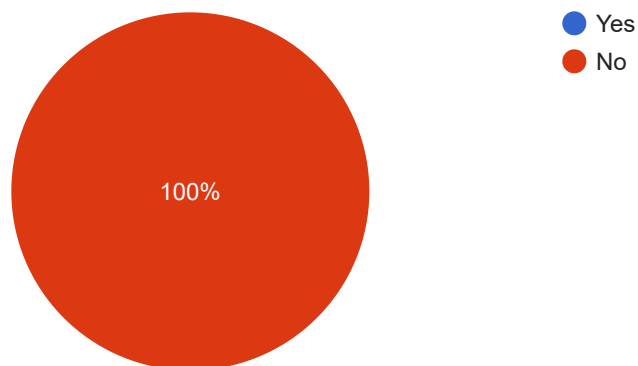
19) Does your farm currently have a written biosecurity plan? (Choose one)

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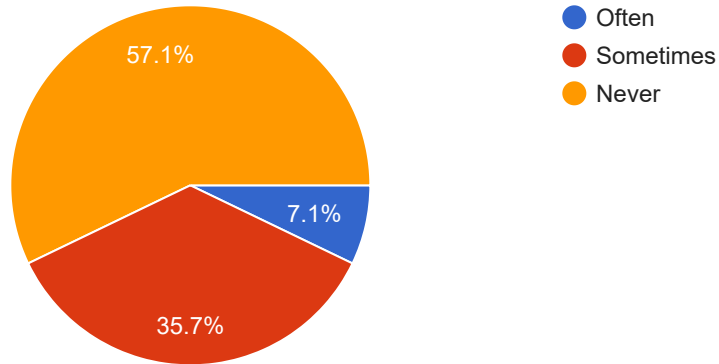
20) Have you ever seen "feral" or wild pigs near your farm? (Choose one)

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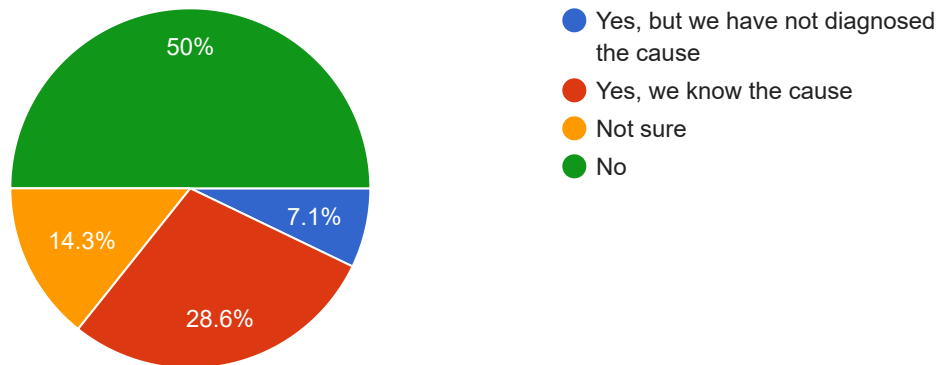
21) Do you borrow from or share livestock equipment with another farm?  
For example, a livestock trailer, tractors, panels, etc. (Choose one)

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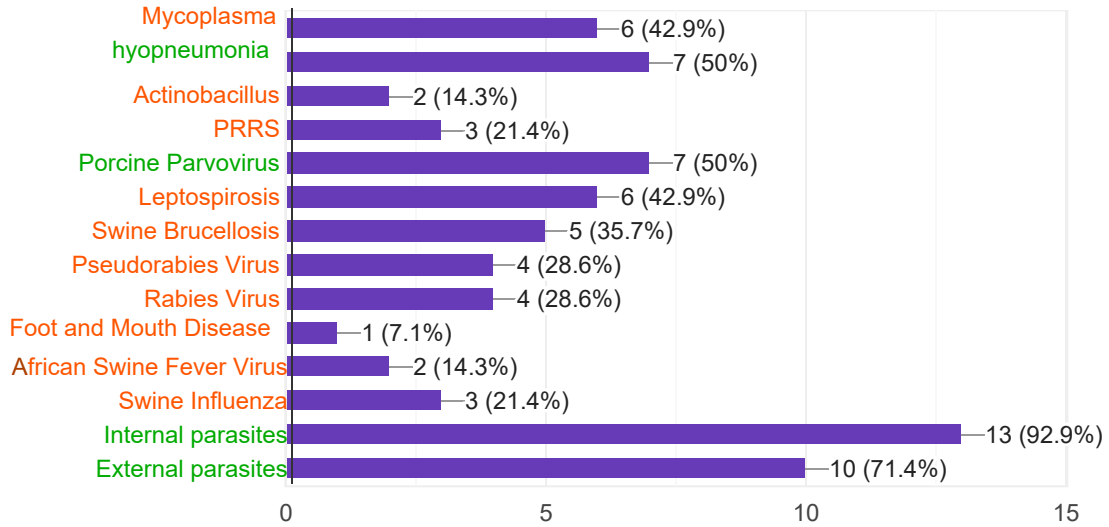
22) To your knowledge, have your pigs experienced a disease outbreak in the last 3 years?

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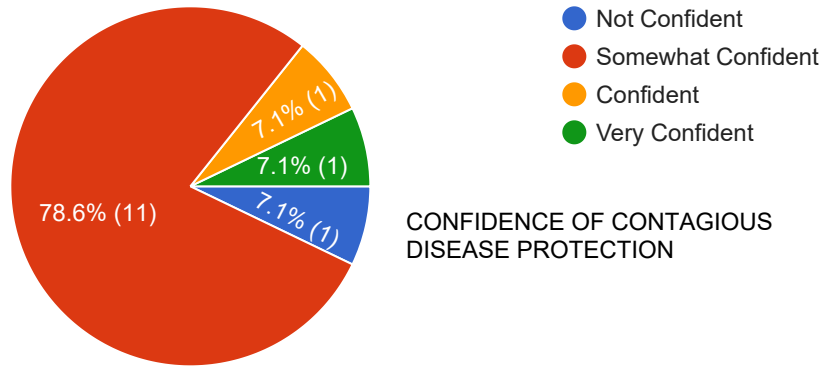
23) Please indicate which of the following diseases you feel informed about (by informed we mean you are familiar enough to have made a decision about prevention and treatment. Check all that apply):

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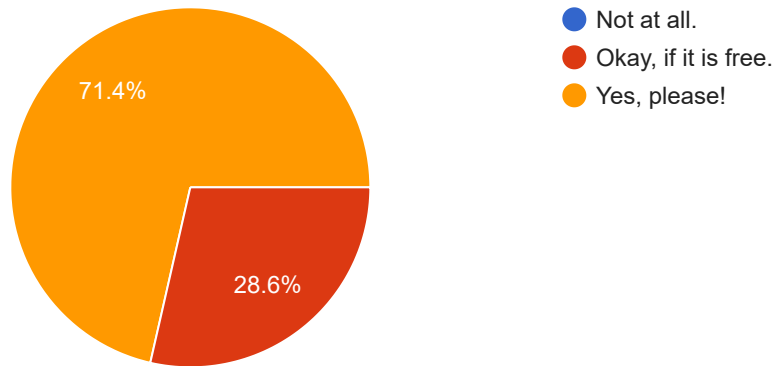
24) How confident are you that your farm is well protected from contagious disease?

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### 25) Are you interested in a consult to examine your farm's biosecurity risks?

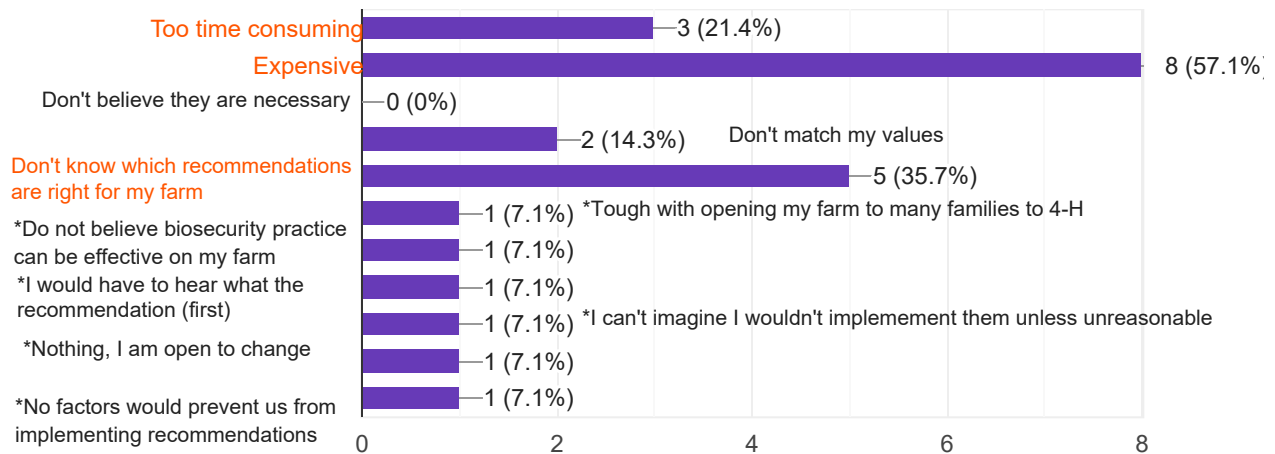
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### 26) What factors may prevent you from implementing biosecurity recommendations on your pig farm (check all that apply):

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\* = single responses



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