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## News Release

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### EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED TO PROTECT UTAH SWINE

#### Swine livestock shows to become “terminal” after May 5, 2014

(Salt Lake City) - The State Veterinarian's Office issued an emergency order increasing restrictions on the showing and importation of swine in Utah in an effort to prevent the introduction or spread of the highly contagious livestock disease, Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus, or the PED virus. PEDv is not a threat to humans or other animal species.

The order changes the way swine are exhibited at fairs and livestock shows by requiring the shows to be “terminal.” Effective May 5, 2014, all county and state fairs as well as other showings such as junior livestock shows and exhibitions where pigs and hogs are displayed or sold shall be considered a “terminal” show. This means that students and others who intend to enter swine for judging will not be allowed to bring the animals back to the farm, and the swine must go directly to slaughter. The State Veterinarian's Office also strongly recommends that all shows scheduled to occur before May 5, 2014 be held as a “terminal” show.

The emergency order also requires all hogs and pigs entering Utah to be inspected by a veterinarian, and have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) that contains the following language; “To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on this certificate have not, within the past 30 days, originated from premises known to be affected by Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) and have not been exposed to PEDv.”

“PEDv is highly contagious, and therefore aggressive steps must be taken to protect Utah’s \$200 million pork industry,” said Assistant State Veterinarian, Dr. Warren Hess. “I also want our 4-H kids to be able to show their animals, however this order requires that they not take their animals back home.”

“This order does not cancel any livestock show; it does put into place prudent measures intended to keep Utah one of a minority of states that is free of the PED virus. Utah only recently relaxed its ban on “terminal” swine shows, but because of the resurgence of PEDv in more than 30 states, including four of the five states bordering Utah (Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and Arizona), it has become necessary to reinstate these protections,” Dr. Hess added.

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) is taking this action following the announced requirement by the USDA that any case of PEDv and Swine Delta Coronavirus be reported nationally. In addition, the USDA is requiring the tracking of movements of pigs, vehicles, and other equipment leaving affected premises; however, movements would still be allowed.

Since June 2013 as many as 7 million pigs have died in the United States due to the virus. PEDv was first diagnosed in Ohio last May and has spread within a year to 30 states with no reliable cure in sight, according to the USDA. Many states are increasing their regulatory precautions relating to swine livestock shows.

See swine biosecurity recommendations for show organizers here.

<http://www.ag.utah.gov/documents/Swine%20Biosecurity.pdf>

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