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TO: All Fair CEO's & Exhibit Staff

SUBJECT: PEDV UPDATE

The USDA has confirmed that porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) has been identified in the United States for the first time through testing at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory. This is not a new virus, nor is it a regulatory/reportable disease. Since PEDV is widespread in many countries, it is not a trade-restricting disease, but rather a production-related disease. The purpose of this circular is to provide fair's with more information on PED strategies.

PED is a viral disease that is associated with outbreaks of diarrhea and vomiting in swine. PED is not a zoonotic disease, does not affect people, and is not a food safety concern. The disease is most severe in young pigs, but can affect pigs of any age. The disease can cause death and loss of production. Most older pigs recover from the disease within 7-10 days. There is no treatment for PED.

While many of the details surrounding the virus are still unfolding, what is known is that it transfers via swine feces and survives in manure for extended periods of time. That means anything that manure and the virus contacts can be a source of infection. Remember to maintain strict biosecurity protocols. For your convenience we have attached a very useful PDF document, "Biosecurity Tips for Exhibiting Swine", composed by CDFA Animal Health Branch.

Additionally, we have included the links to three very important handouts from the National Pork Board. Please take the time to also read and distribute these important fact sheets:

[Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus \(PEDV\) – What Is It?](#)

[Swine Health Recommendations: Exhibitors of all Pigs Going to Exhibits or Sales](#)

[Swine Health Recommendations: Organizers of Exhibitions and Sales](#)

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