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“Buy Wisconsin First” Swine Directory Available

The Wisconsin Pork Association would like to announce that the “2014 Buy Wisconsin First” Directory is now available on-line. This directory features several top quality Wisconsin show pig and seedstock producers from across the state.

The directory is posted on the Wisconsin Pork Association website at www.wppa.org. It is a great resource for youth who are involved in 4-H or FFA pig projects who are beginning to look for their project animals.

Featured breeders include:

Roger Baur Family Hogs, Mosinee

Cherney-Nuttleman Show Pig Sale, Bangor

West Central Wisconsin Show Pig Sale, Whitehall

Graff’s Show Pigs, Juneau

Tom Knauer Family, Avalon

Krebs Farms, Rio

Posthuma Show Pigs, Brandon

UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm, Platteville

Walsh Farms, Beloit

Wehrle Farms, New London

As Wisconsin 4-H and FFA members begin to think about preparing for show season, it’s also important to think about how to deal with the many questions and challenges associated with Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDv). In light of the devastating effects of PEDv there is increased awareness about the need for strict biosecurity, especially when pigs come together at events such as sales and shows. Although the virus has less impact on older, growing pigs vs. newborn piglets, with the animals being commingled at events, spreading disease is a risk but can be minimized through proper biosecurity procedures.

There are many resources and fact sheets available on PEDv from the Pork Checkoff. Youth can find those at www.pork.org/pedv. In addition, UW-Extension has several resources posted at FYI.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/pedv. Below are some tips for youth to consider when going to farms and sales in the coming weeks.

[Biosecurity Practices for Sales/Farm Visits](#)

- Contact the farm(s) that you will visit in advance. Do they have any requirements for visitors – i.e. not visited another farm for 24 hours; will they provide disposable boots, coveralls; is there a specific location you should park your vehicle?
- Ask questions about the health of the animals you are purchasing. Have there been any health challenges in the current group of pigs for sale? If so, have they been treated and with what product(s)?
- What vaccinations have the pigs received? When were they given?
- The biggest risk for spreading PEDv is through fecal material. If manure gets on your shoes, clothes, truck mats, trailer, equipment or other items, they should be washed, disinfected and dried when you get home and before going to another farm, sale, or into your barn.

For more information, contact Wisconsin Pork Association at 1-800-822-7675 (in-state only) or 608-723-7551.

The Wisconsin Pork Association's mission is to insure the future success of the Wisconsin pork industry. WPA represents the interests of the pork industry members with a strong emphasis on social issues, public and government policies, environment, animal welfare and safety.

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