



Hog Health Testing FAQ

The WI Valley Fair hog show is a non-terminal show for swine. This requires all animals entering the premises to produce veterinarian health check papers, as well as testing for Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRSv) and Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv). This list of frequently asked questions is intended to help participants understand and navigate the process.

What does it mean to be non-terminal?

Exhibitors will now have the option of taking their swine back home after the show, if they choose to do so. Animals that are sold in the sale will automatically be designated and transported for processing, as has been done in the past. An exhibitor's second hog, can also be designated and transported for processing, as in prior years, with completion of a Destination Form.

What testing is required?

Per state veterinarian directives, all swine moving within the state need to be tested for porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDv), and porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS). All hogs being brought to the 2023 Wisconsin Valley Fair must show proof testing for these two diseases.

What is the difference between the vet health check and the PRRS/PEDv testing?

The Wisconsin Valley Fair has always required a veterinarian certification for animals be done within 30 days prior to the show/sale. Exhibitors must present signed vet health papers upon arrival with their animals at the grounds.

Exhibitors must bring PRRS/PEDv test results with them upon arrival at the grounds with their animals along with the veterinarian certification health check.

How do we get the testing done?

Participants can work with their veterinarian to have the testing completed through the vet office. Participants can also test your swine yourself by hanging a rope in your hog pen (or pens) and allowing hogs to chew on it for 24 to 48 hours. Instructions for obtaining samples can be found in the WPA Oral Fluid Collection Brochure. You can also order ready-made kits from Wisconsin Pork Producers web site www.wppa.org. The WPPA kits contain a voucher for reimbursement. **Families need to have only one pooled or combined sample of saliva from each farm or premise.**

Testing can then be completed through the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. More details and fee information can be found online at <https://vetmed.iastate.edu/vdl>. The committee recommends contacting your local veterinarian for information on PRRS/PEDv testing.

What if we test positive for PRRS or SECD?

Positive test for either PRRS or SECD of herd of origin within 90 days prior to movement, the herd will be quarantined until a herd plan is established and approved. An approved farm management plan will still allow participants to exhibit and sell their animals at the Marathon County Market Animal Show and Sale.