

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) Update

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On January 7, 2019, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry confirmed the first-ever case of PED in Alberta.

Since then, the farm and the farm veterinarian have worked closely with Alberta Pork and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to manage the disease. Enhanced biosecurity measures are in place for the entire premises to reduce the risk of the virus leaving the site. Since the finding was confirmed, no pigs from the affected farm have been marketed to slaughter or assembly sites in Alberta and there are no plans to do so.

The investigation is ongoing. All pig traffic in and out of the site has been traced and no transport links have been identified as potential sources. All environmental surveillance testing from high-traffic pig sites in Alberta, such as assembly sites, abattoirs and truck washes, are still negative.

To date, no other cases of PED have been identified in Alberta.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) will continue to work with Alberta Pork, pork producers, swine veterinarians, and other pork industry stakeholders to investigate this case and prevent further spread of the virus.

If you suspect your pigs may be infected, contact your veterinarian as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Alberta's Chief Provincial Veterinarian at 780-427-3448.