PRRS Management in Wisconsin

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Industry leaders have met for 20 months to discuss PRRS issue in Wisconsin.

Currently 13 counties in southwestern area of the state are designated as a PRRS control area.

Vaccines may limit PRRS impact, but are not 100% effective.
Statistics

- Estimated 75,000-80,000 pigs per year come into Wisconsin
- 90% come from Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois
- 90% weaned pigs
- Large number of movements occur seasonally and consist of fewer than 50 pigs

Perhaps the biggest reason we have taken steps to control PRRS:

$700,000,000
Annual cost to producers per year
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) works closely with Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) to implement guidelines

WPA providing PRRS rope test in two largest hog producing counties, Grant and Sauk

Educational meetings held in affected counties to provide tools to avoid or control PRRS

Require PRRS disclosure statement to issue import permit
Extra steps to reduce the spread of disease including:

- Controlled movement of hogs
- Controlled movement of people
- Limiting vehicle access to farms
- Working with veterinarians and neighbors to control spread
Wisconsin had required an import permit for swine

New guidelines require a disclosure statement about PRRS status to acquire an import permit

Statement must be on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) about the PRRS status.

Permit is free but must be requested before the hogs are moved into Wisconsin

**NOTE:**

Sows or butcher pigs coming in for harvest are exempt from the permit.
Future Plans

- Currently no restriction on pigs with positive PRRS status
- Testing pigs at fairs this summer
- DATCP to make rule changes requiring PRRS status disclosure
- Continue education and outreach
- Follow discussion with national stakeholders and partners
- Develop a regulatory program to eradicate????

Questions
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