

Association of Iowa Fairs
Mr. Tom Barnes, Executive Director
242 8th Avenue West
Cresco, IA 52136

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Protecting the health of Iowa's livestock and our ag-based economy are top priorities for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and the veterinary staff at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. That's why we're asking County Fair Boards across the state to ensure the health of the animals as they're arriving and leaving the fair.

- 1) If your fair requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, require that the veterinarian inspects the pigs within seven (7) days of the show.
- 2) OR if your fair does not require a CVI but requires that a veterinarian inspects animals upon arrival, make sure the pigs are examined before they are unloaded from the truck or mixed with other pigs on-site.
- 3) All county fairs should develop and be ready to execute a plan in the event animals become ill at the show. The plan should include how the animals will be isolated. If the illness must be reported to state or federal authorities, you should include the number of animals that have come into contact with the sick animal.
- 4) Encourage exhibitors to practice good biosecurity both at the show and when returning home. It's important for exhibitors to clean their equipment and to isolate animals that traveled to the show from the rest of the herd at home.
- 5) Remember to register your swine exhibition with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship 30 days before the show. Send in the swine exhibition report within five (5) business days after the show ends.

These additional recommendations were developed with input from veterinarians and other third-party experts. They are designed to promote biosecurity and animal health as African Swine Fever continues to spread across China and other parts of Asia and Europe.

While African Swine Fever is top of mind, we stress the importance of following proper biosecurity protocols on the farm — with all species of animals — every day to protect our herds.

If you have questions about these new biosecurity protocols, please call me at (515) 281-0866.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jeff Kaisand
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Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship