What is the SDRS?

SHIC-funded, veterinary diagnostic laboratories (VDLs) collaborative project, with goal to aggregate swine diagnostic data from participating reporting VDLs, and report in an intuitive format (web dashboards), describing dynamics of disease detection by pathogen or disease syndrome over time, specimen, age group, and geographical space.

For this report, data is from the Iowa State University VDL and South Dakota State University ADRDL. University of Minnesota VDL and Kansas State University VDL. Specifically, for PRRSV RFLP data, and syndromic information the results are from Iowa State University VDL.

For all “2019 predictive graphs,” the expected value was calculated using a statistical model that considers the results from three previous years. The intent of the model is not to compare the recent data (2019) to individual weeks of previous years. The intent is to estimate expected levels of percent positive cases based on patterns observed in the past data, and define if observed percentage positive values are above or below the expected based on historic trends.

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This report is an abbreviated version of the dashboards available online.

To access the full data and hear the podcast for the reports, use your computer, tablet, or phone and go to: https://fieldepi.research.cvm.iastate.edu/swine-disease-reporting-system/
and explore the dashboard corresponding to each pathogen or syndrome.
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SDRS Advisory Council highlights:

- Level of detection of MHP by PCR is within the expected value for April of 2019;
- Even though *Streptococcus suis* (S. suis) continues to be the major agent detected on CNS tissue, 2019 Spring months of March and April had increased number of Pestivirus (Shaking pig syndrome), Porcine Sapelovirus (PSV), and salt intoxication (Salt) detected on CNS tissue when compared with Spring season of 2018 and 2017. Salt intoxication pathogenesis and lesions are clearly characterized far back in time, which leads to speculate that the increased salt intoxication in the field is real. However, regarding increased detection of PSV and Pestivirus, it is not clear if the increased detection reflects increased clinical disease in the field, as opposed to more intense monitoring for those viruses.

Figure 3. A: results of MHP PCR cases over time. B: expected percentage of positive results for MHP by PCR and 95% confidence interval for 2019 predicted value. C: percentage of MHP PCR-positive results, by category over time.

Figure 4. Pathogen detection on CNS tissue over time. Each green bar indicates a different agent or syndrome, the red bar accounts for the sum of the green bars. A: spring months of 2019. B: Table for agents detected in CNS tissue during spring months of 2017, 2018 and 2019. Spring months contains results of March, April, and May. ‘Multiple agents’ represent cases with more than one pathogen detected on CNS tissues.
SDRS Advisory Council highlights:

- For the Spring of 2019 months there was an increase in detection of the following respiratory insultsants *Haemophilus parasuis* (HPS) 16 cases, *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae* (APP) 8 cases, *Pasteurella multocida* (Pmult) 8 cases, *Mycoplasma hyorhinis* (MHR) 5 cases, when compared with same period of 2018 Spring months at ISU-VDL. These increased detections of bacterial agents have been linked as part of measures taken to improve herd health by better detecting the agent and or agent strain circulating in the farm or herd population for further use in development and or update in autogenous vaccine for better control of the disease.
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SDRS Advisory Council highlights:

- Number of enteric diseases cases for Spring Months of March and April increased by 12.11% (n=463) when compared with the same spring months of 2018 (n=413);
- The most significant increase was represented by 27 cases reported as having multiple insultants, and 14 cases classified as viral miscellaneous (Viral_Misc). Viral miscellaneous definition accommodates cases where enteritis atrophic was observed and could not be clearly linked to a specific insultant, and/or was linked to insultants that are less frequent detected in swine as Adenovirus and or Enterovirus;
- The 4 most frequent combination of multiple insultant agents involved the 4 major insultants rotaviruses (ROTA), PEDV, *Escherichia coli* (E. coli), and *Salmonella sp.* (Salm). These 4 insultants were also diagnosed as major single insultant.

Figure 6. Pathogen detection on enteric tissues over time. A, B, and C each bar and color indicate a different agent or syndrome. The red line accounts for the cumulative percentage of the bars. A: spring months of 2019. B: spring months of 2018. C: spring months of 2017. Spring months include March, April, and May. ‘Multiple agents’ represent cases with more than one pathogen detected on respiratory tissues. D: Multiple agents detected in enteric tissue per accession ID case level. Each bar and color represent a combination of 2 or more agents. Presented results are based on diagnostician interpretation.

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Genetic diversity of ORF-5 from PRRSV classified as RFLP type 1-8-4 at the ISU-VDL in 2018 and 2019
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The SDRS database demonstrates that since 2016, the PRRSV RFLP type 1-8-4 has been the second most common PRRSV wild type detected on cases submitted for ORF-5 sequencing at the ISU VDL (behind 1-7-4). The purpose of this analysis was to describe the nucleotide diversity of ORF-5 from PRRSV classified within the 1-8-4 RFLP.

To understand the genetic diversity among the 764 PRRSV sequences collected between January 2018 to March 2019, pairwise nucleotide distances within and between states was calculated [Figure 1]. The overall pairwise median distance was 10.28%, and the most genetically distant sequences differed by 17.89%. There was a large range of PRRSV 1-8-4 genetic diversity within and between states.

States with more than 10 sequences during the period were used for a discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) [Fig. 2], which included 612 sequences from seven states. Sequences without a state designation were excluded. Missouri had the highest number of 1-8-4 type in the database representing 41.01%, followed by Iowa with 37.58%.

The DAPC plot [Figure 2] demonstrates the genetic relatedness between Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois had similar genetic diversity. In contrast, sequences from Missouri, Oklahoma, Ohio, and Indiana were more genetically distant from all other states forming three distinct clusters [Figure 2]. Genetically distinct phylogenetic clusters could be due to the relative geographical distribution and genetic evolution of the virus.

The RFLP is a historic method used to describe genetic relationships between PRRSV ORF5 sequences and are commonly reported by VDLs. This analysis using the SDRS database for PRRSV 1-8-4 demonstrates substantial genetic diversity within this RFLP type that can exceed 17% on a nucleotide basis.

PRRSV from different states formed distinct clusters, which could reflect the movement (or lack of movement) of pigs, and corresponding PRRSV, to different geographic regions. PRRSV 1-8-4 was introduced in Minnesota in the early 2000s and is currently not frequently detected in some swine exporting states like North Carolina.

Movement of infected swine and geographic restriction of the virus can play a major role on PRRSV evolution. The presence of distinct phylogenetic clusters and the high genetic pairwise diversity within this RFLP type across different states demonstrates that further genetic analysis (i.e., comparing ORF-5 or whole-genome sequences) is necessary to conduct molecular epidemiology analysis involving RFLP 1-8-4. The diversity observed among 1-8-4 is significantly higher than what has been observed among 1-7-4 (n= 1,105, median difference 2.43%, range 0 – 11.95%), and the 2-5-2 (n= 1,303, median difference 0%, range 0 – 4.1%).

Figure 1: Box plot of pairwise ORF5 nucleotide distances for 764 PRRSV, within states, and between states. Each box-plot represents a different comparison. Box boundaries represent the second and third quartiles and the division inside the box the median. Lower and upper whiskers

Figure 2  DAPC plot of ORF5 sequences for PRRSV RFLP type 1-8-4 for January 2018 to March 2019 present at the SDRS database according to the state of origin. Each different color represents a different state. Each inertia ellipses shows a different cluster, while each dot represents individual sequences.

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