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Overview

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What is the Swine Disease Reporting System (SDRS)?

SDRS includes multiple projects that aggregate data from participating veterinary diagnostic laboratories (VDLs) in the United States of America, and reports the major findings to the swine industry. Our goal is to share information on endemic and emerging diseases affecting the swine population in the USA, assisting veterinarians and producers to make informed decisions on disease prevention, detection and management.

After aggregating information from participating VDLs and summarizing the data, we ask the input of our advisory group, which consists of veterinarians and producers across the USA swine industry. The intent is to provide interpretation of the data observed, and summarize the implications to the industry. Major findings are also discussed in monthly podcasts. All SDRS reports are available at www.fieldepi.org/SDRS:

Swine Health Information Center (SHIC)-funded Domestic Disease Surveillance Program: collaborative project among multiple VDLs, with the goal to aggregate swine diagnostic data and report in an intuitive formats (web dashboards and monthly PDF report), describing dynamics of pathogen detection by PCR-based assays over time, specimen, age group, and geographical area. Data is from the Iowa State University VDL, South Dakota State University ADRDL, University of Minnesota VDL, and Kansas State University VDL.

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Disease Diagnosis System: This is a pilot program with the ISU VDL, which consists of reporting disease detection (not just pathogen detection by PCR), based on diagnostic codes assigned by veterinary diagnosticians.

FLUture: This is a project that aggregates Influenza A virus (IAV) diagnostic data from the ISU VDL, including test results, metadata, and sequences.

PRRS virus RFLP report: Benchmarks patterns of PRRSV RFLP type detected at the ISU VDL over time, USA state, specimen, and age group.

Audio and video reports: Key findings are summarized monthly in a conversation between investigators, and available in form of an audio report and video report through SwineCast, YouTube, and the SDRS webpage (link below).

Advisory Council:

The advisory group reviews the data to discuss it and provide their comments to try to give the data some context and thoughts about its interpretation: Clayton Johnson, Emily Byers, Mark Schwartz, Paul Sundberg, Paul Yeske, Rebecca Robbins, Tara Donovan, Deborah Murray, Scott Dee, Melissa Hensch, Scanlon Daniels.

This report is an abbreviated version of the content available online at www.fieldepi.org/SDRS.
Topic 1 – Detection of PRRSV RNA over time by RT-qPCR.

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Figure 1. A: Results of PRRS RT-qPCR cases over time. B: Proportion of accession ID cases tested for PRRSV by age group per year and season. C: Expected percentage of positive results for PRRSV RNA by RT-qPCR, with 95% confidence interval band for predicted results based on weekly data observed in the previous 3 years. D: Percentage of PRRS PCR-positive results, by age category over time. Wean to market corresponds to nursery and grow-finish. Adult/Sow correspond to Adult, boar stud, breeding herd, replacement, and suckling piglets. Unknown corresponds to not informed site type or farm category. E: RFLP type detected during year of 2019. F: RFLP type detected during year of 2020.

SDRS Advisory Council highlights:

- The overall percentage of PRRS-positive cases in February was 24.56% (1,453 of 5,917), decreasing from 25.61% (1,695 of 6,618) in January. The decline in the percentage of PCR-positive cases happened in all age groups and sample types;
- The genetic variability of PRRSV is still increasing. During the year of 2019, 11 new RFLP patterns were detected in the SDRS database: 1-115-4; 1-117-4; 1-118-3; 1-118-4; 1-167-3; 1-168-4; 1-30-1; 1-71-4; 1-6-3; 3-8-4; and 1-30-1;
- The advisory Council pointed out that the decline in % positive cases in 2020 is mostly contributed by a combination of factors such as: warmer winter when compared with previous years, improvement on biosecurity and transport sanitation practices, adoption of trailer segregation by some production systems, use of new technologies including feed mitigants, air filtration, and PRRSV vaccines.
Topic 2 – Detection of enteric coronaviruses by RT-qPCR

Figure 2. A: results of PEDV RT-qPCR cases over time. B: expected percentage of positive results for PEDV by RT-qPCR and 95% confidence interval for 2020 predicted value. C: percentage of PEDV PCR-positive results, by category over time. D: results of PDCoV RT-qPCR cases over time. E: expected percentage of positive results for PDCoV by RT-qPCR and 95% confidence interval for 2020 predicted value, based on weekly data observed in the previous 3 years. F: percentage of PDCoV PCR-positive results, by age category over time. G: number of PCR-positive accession ID results of TGEV by age category. H: percentage of PCR-positive results for TGEV by age category. Each color represents one distinct age category.

SDRS Advisory Council highlights:

- The overall percentage of PEDV RNA-positive cases in February was 17.34% (595 of 3,431), up from 16.48% (574 of 3,482) in January;
  - The percentage of PEDV RNA-positive cases for the wean-to-market animals in February was 24.10% (322 of 1,336), increasing from 22.95% (313 of 1,364) in January;
  - Increased detection of PEDV was observed in cases from IA, IL, and MN;
- The overall percentage of PDCoV-positive cases in February was 3.94% (125 of 3,174), decreasing from 4.09% (131 of 3,203) in January;
  - The percentage of PDCoV-positive cases for the adult/sow in February was 2.85% (28 of 983), decreasing from 3.42% (33 of 965) in January;
- PEDV and PDCoV RNA-positive cases are both within the forecasted levels for this time of the year;
- There were no positive cases for TGEV RNA in February over a total of 3,092 cases tested;
- The Advisory Council pointed out that, despite the increased enteric coronaviruses testing for surveillance being performed, it is likely that the recent increased detection is due to virus activity in wean-to-market animals, resulting on increased environmental contamination and lateral outbreaks, as a result of less strict biosecurity measures in wean-to-market farms and lower compliance on sanitation of wean-to-market trailers compared to sow farm protocols.
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Topic 3 – Detection of MHP by PCR

SDRS Advisory Council highlights:

- The overall percentage of *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae*-positive cases in February was 19.26% (130 of 675), decreasing from 25.20% (218 of 865) in January, mostly driven by all age categories;

- The level of detection of *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae* during February followed the expected predicted decrease in detection for this period of the year.

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 2020 predicted value, based on weekly data observed in the previous 3 years. C: percentage of MHP PCR-positive results, by category over time.
Topic 4 – Disease diagnosis at the ISU-VDL

Figure 5. Most frequent disease diagnosis by physiologic system at ISU-VDL. Presented system is described in the title of the chart. Colors represent one agent and/or the combination of 2 or more agents. Only the physiologic systems with historic number of cases per season above 100 are presented in the report.

Note: Disease diagnosis takes one to two weeks to be performed. The graphs and analysis contains data from January 1st to February 15th.

SDRS Advisory Council highlights:
- Among the cases submitted for diagnosis at the ISU-VDL from January 1st to February 15th there were no signals for increased number diagnoses for any specific agent;
- PRRSV (n=172) continues to lead the number of respiratory diagnosis, rotavirus (n=130) the enteric diagnosis, and S.suis (n=37) the nervous diagnosis.