

Swine Disease Reporting System Report # 33 (November 3, 2020)

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 (USA), 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 in making 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 an interpretation of the observed data, and summarize the implications to the industry. Major findings are also discussed in monthly podcasts. All SDRS reports and podcasts are available at www.fieldepi.org/SDRS. The SDRS projects are:

Swine Health Information Center (SHIC)-funded Domestic Swine Disease Surveillance Program: collaborative project among multiple VDLs, with the goal to aggregate swine diagnostic data and report in an intuitive format (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: A pilot program with the ISU-VDL consisting of reporting disease detection (not just pathogen detection by PCR), based on diagnostic codes assigned by veterinary diagnosticians.

FLUture: Aggregates influenza A virus (IAV) diagnostic data from the ISU-VDL and reports results, metadata, and sequences.

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

Audio and video reports: Key findings from SDRS projects are summarized monthly in a conversation between investigators, and available in the form of an ‘audio report’, and “video report” through [SwineCast](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), and the [SDRS webpage](#).

Advisory Group: Reviews and discusses the data, providing their comments and perspectives on a monthly: Clayton Johnson, Mark Schwartz, Paul Sundberg, Paul Yeske, Rebecca Robbins, Tara Donovan, Deborah Murray, Scott Dee, Melissa Hensch, Scanlon Daniels.

In addition to this report, interactive dashboards with aggregated test results are available at www.fieldepi.org/SDRS.

Topic 1 – Detection of PRRSV RNA over time by RT-qPCR.

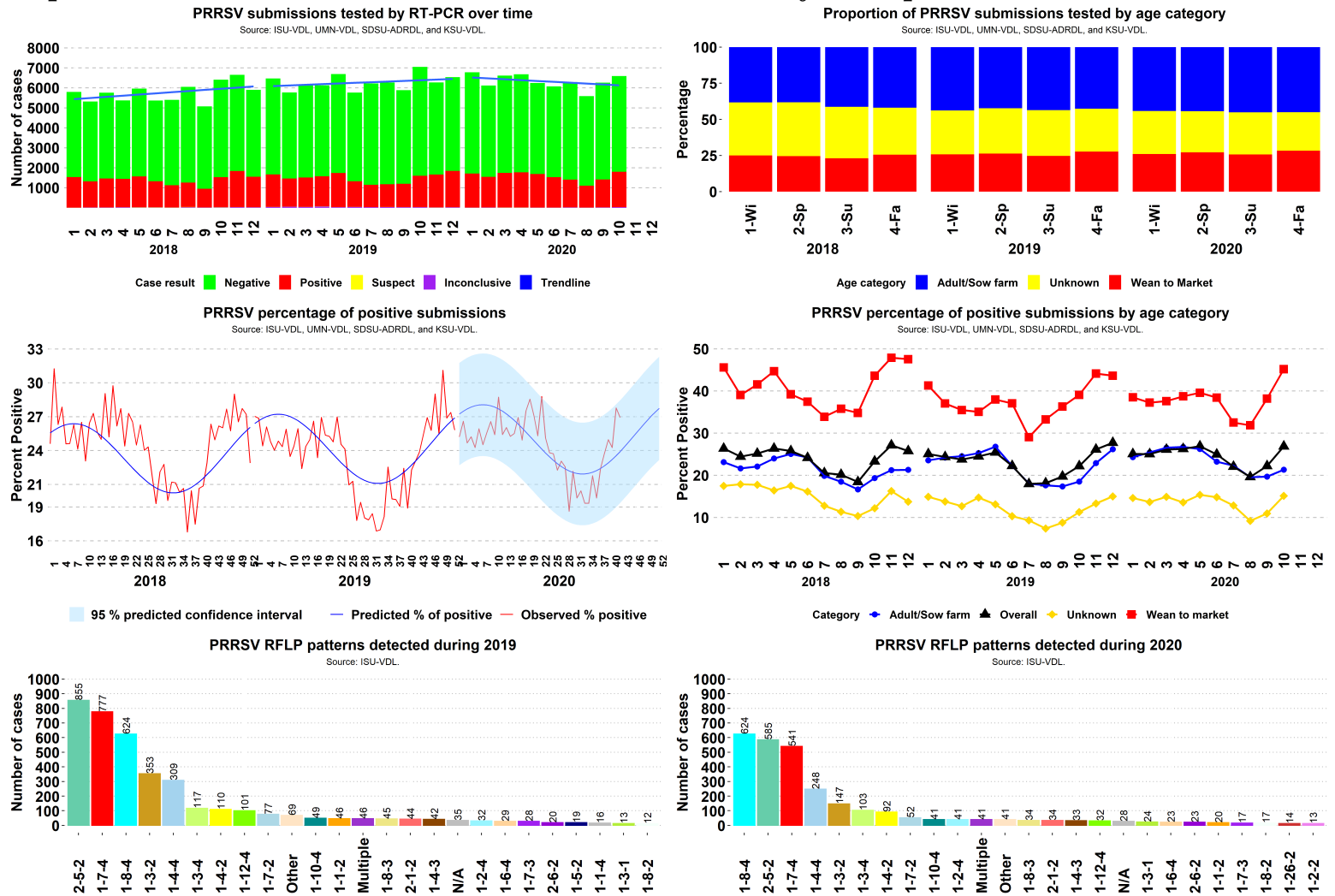


Figure 1. Top: left: Results of PRRSV RT-PCR cases over time. Right: expected percentage of positive results for PRRSV RNA by RT-qPCR, with 95% confidence interval band for predicted results based on weekly data observed in the previous 3 years. Middle: Left Proportion of accession ID cases tested for PRRSV by age group per year and season. Right: percentage of PRRSV 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. Bottom The 25 most frequently detected RFLP patterns left year of 2019; right year of 2020. RFLPs indicated as N/A represents not detected, or European PRRSV.

SDRS Advisory Group highlights:

- Overall, 26.87% of 6,591 cases tested PRRSV-positive in October, a moderate increase from 22.21% of 6,262 in September;
 - Positivity in adult/sow category in October was 21.33% (624 of 2,926), similar to 19.68% (564 of 2,866) in September;
 - Positivity in wean-to-market category in October was 45.18% (891 of 1,972), a substantial increase from 38.2% (638 of 1,670) in September;
- Overall PRRSV-percentage of positive cases was above 3 standard deviations from state-specific baselines in MN, SD, IA, NE, MO, IL, and IN;
- The advisory group pointed out that the increased detection of PRRSV in wean to market animals is consistent with field observation. The advisory group kept reminding on the need to improve biosecurity and biocontainment measures in growing farms. Actions would include a clear definition between clean and dirty lines, change coverall and boots when crossing those lines, plan transportation for feed and animal movements. Continuously reminding farm personnel on the importance of complying with loading and unloading practices is encouraged.

Topic 2 – Detection of RNA of enteric coronavirus by RT-qPCR

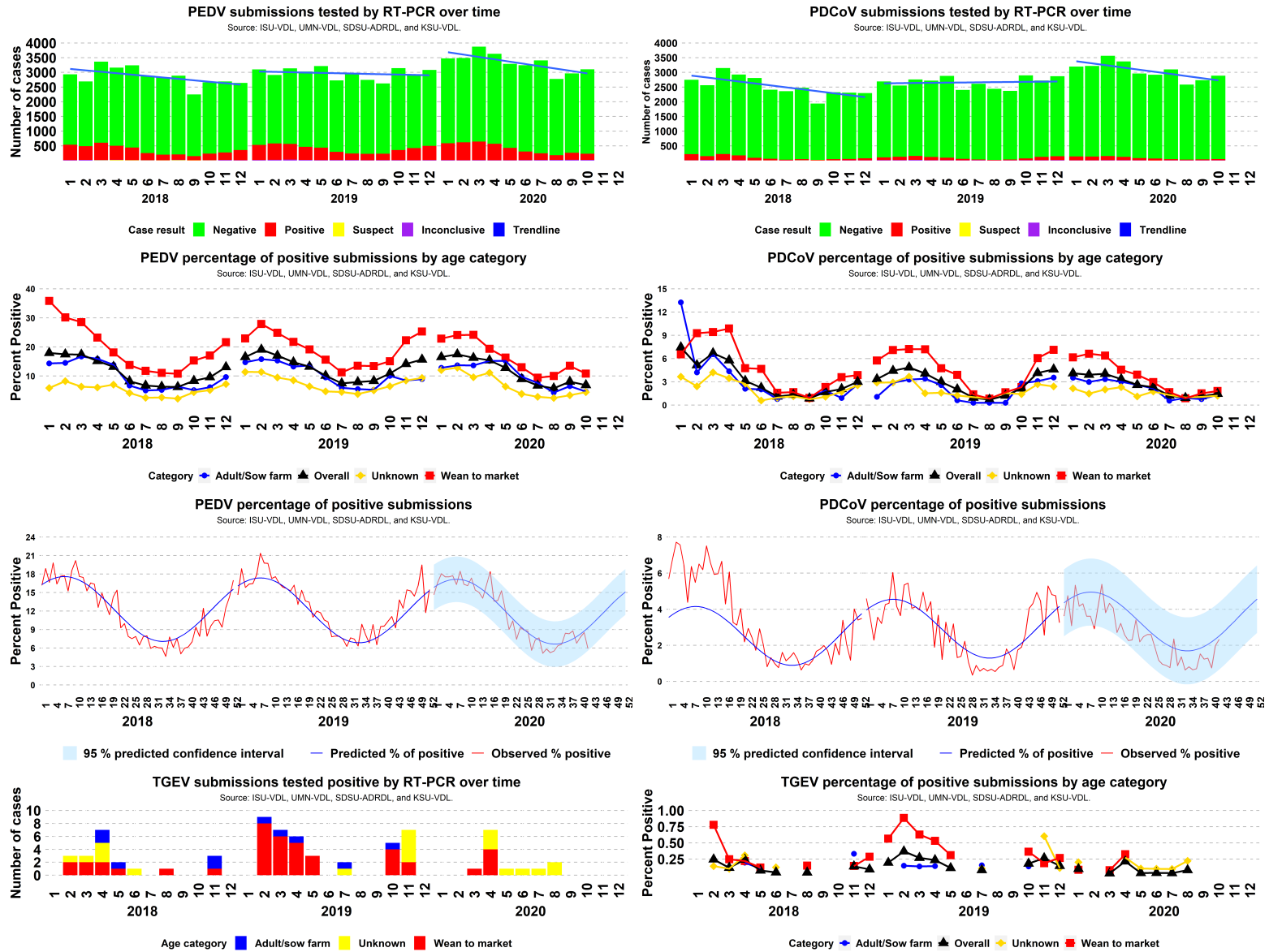


Figure 2. Top: left PEDV right PDCoV cases tested by RT-PCR over time. Second from top: B:left PEDV right PDCoV percentage of PCR-positive results, by age category over time. Second from bottom: left PEDV right PDCoV expected percentage of positive results for cases tested by RT-qPCR and 95% confidence interval for 2020 predicted value. Bottom: left number of TGEV positive cases by age category right percentage of TGEV PCR-positive cases by age category. Each color represents one distinct age category.

SDRS Advisory Group highlights:

- Overall, 6.86% of 3,105 cases tested PEDV-positive in October, similar to 8.06% of 2,966 in September;
 - The overall detection was on the lower expected boundaries of the forecasted levels for this time of the year;
 - Positivity in adult/sow category in October was 4.65% (43 of 924), similar to 6.53% (56 of 858) in September;
 - Positivity in wean-to-market category in October was 10.82% (124 of 1,146), a moderate decrease from 13.52% (149 of 1,102) in September;
- Overall PEDV-percentage of positive cases was within or below baseline level for all 11 monitored states;
- Overall, 1.45% of 2,888 cases tested PDCoV-positive in October, similar to 1.13% of 2,732 in September;
 - The overall detection was within the expected boundaries of the forecasted levels for this time of the year;
 - Positivity in adult/sow category in October was 1.3% (11 of 844), similar to 0.76% (6 of 787) in September;
 - Positivity in wean-to-market category in October was 1.81% (19 of 1,050), similar to 1.52% (15 of 989) in September;
- Overall PDCoV-percentage of positive cases was within or below baseline level for all 11 monitored states;
- There was 0 positive case for TGEV RNA in October 2020 over a total of 2,814 cases tested;
- The advisory group pointed out that after 8 years since PEDV introduction in the US, many farms and whole production systems managed to eliminate the virus and successfully keep it out with biosecurity. There are some systems still immunizing pigs on an ongoing basis. Growing pigs biosecurity practices should be implemented to avoid PEDV spill over back to breeding herds.

Topic 3 – Detection of *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae* (MHP) DNA by PCR.

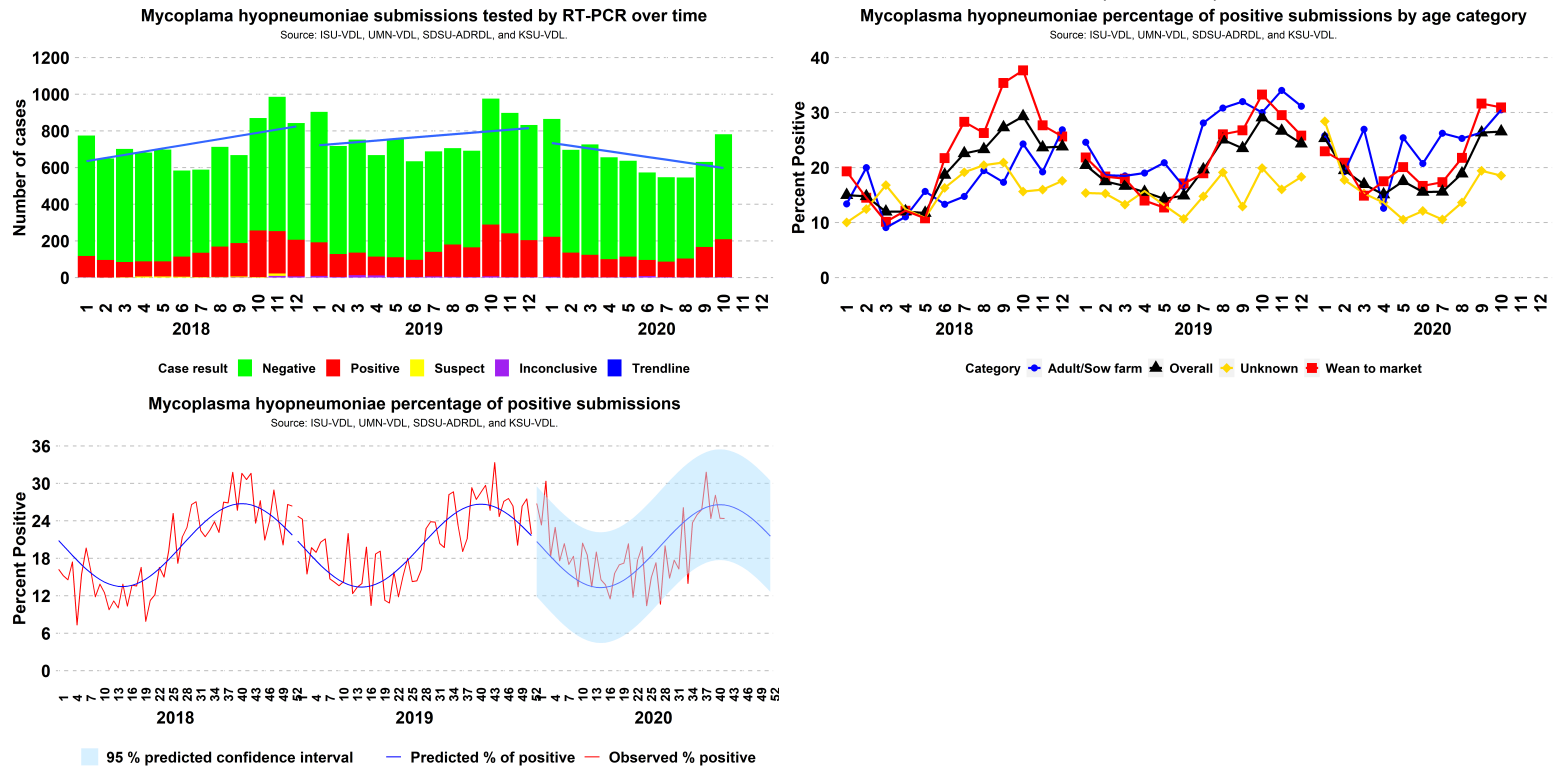


Figure 3. *Left top:* results of MHP PCR cases over time. *Right top:* expected percentage of positive results for MHP by PCR and 95% confidence interval for 2020 predicted value, based on weekly data observed in the previous 3 years. *Bottom:* percentage of MHP PCR-positive results, by category over time.

SDRS Advisory Group highlights:

- Overall, 26.54% of 780 cases tested *M. hyopneumoniae*-positive cases in October, similar to 26.35% of 630 in September;
- As expected the observed overall detection of *M. hyopneumoniae*-positive cases is following the forecasted expected increase in the levels of detection for this time of the year;
- The advisory group pointed out that even though the detection of *M. hyopneumoniae* is following the expected, some endemically-infected herds are currently observing *M. hyopneumoniae*-associated disease in growing pigs.

Topic 4 – Disease diagnosis at the ISU-VDL.

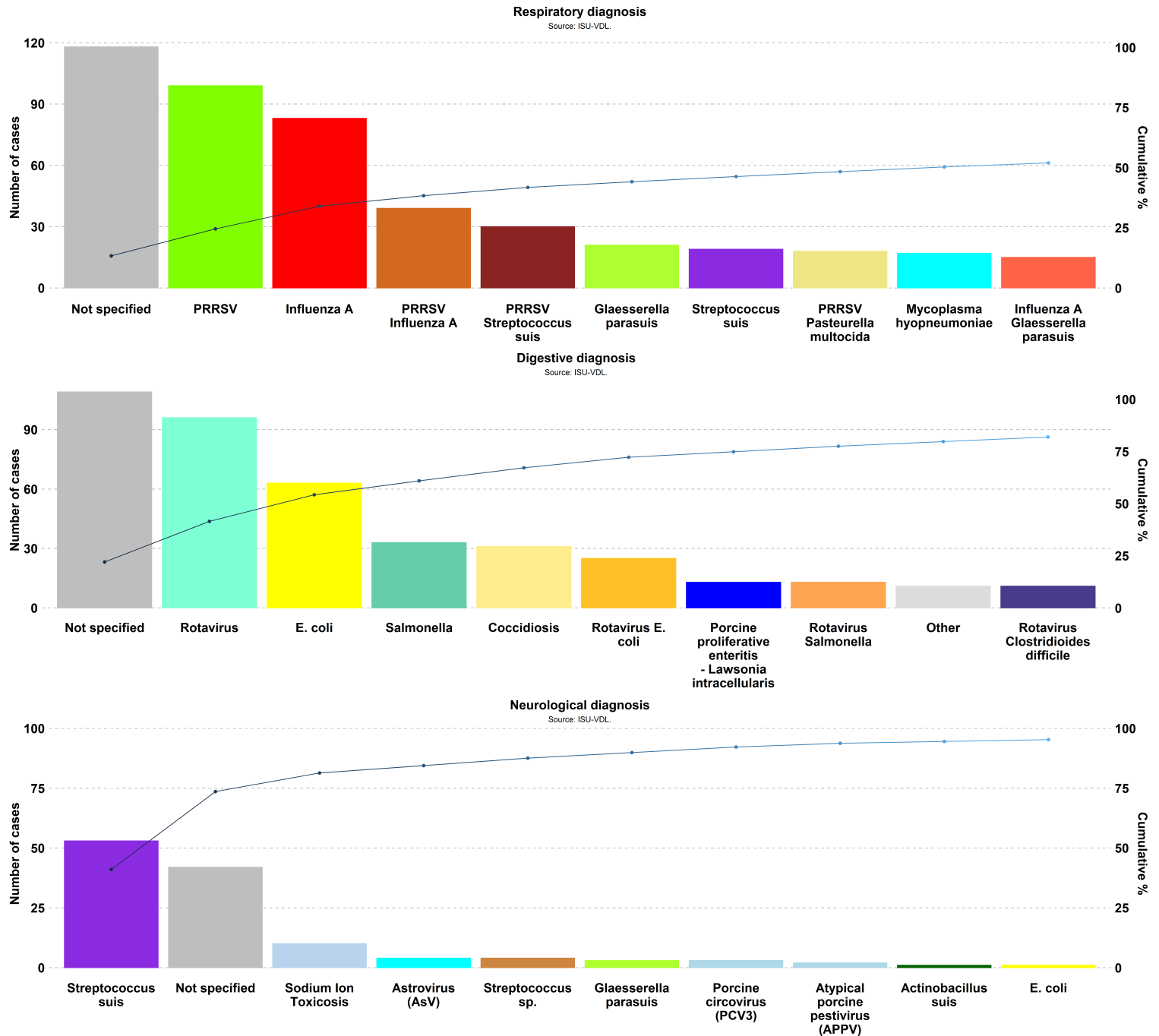


Figure 4. Most frequent disease diagnosis by physiologic system at ISU-VDL . Presented system is described in the title of the chart. Colors represent one agent and/or the combination of 2 or more agents. Only the physiologic systems with historic number of cases per season above 100 are presented in the report.

Note: Disease diagnosis takes one to two weeks to be performed. The graphs and analysis contain data from September 1 to October 17.

SDRS Advisory Group highlights:

- After not specified (118 of 882), PRRSV (81 of 882) continues to lead the number of respiratory diagnoses. After not specified (109 of 494), Rotavirus (94 of 494) leads the digestive diagnoses, and *Streptococcus suis* (53 of 129) the neurological diagnosis;
- From October 11 to 17, there was a significant increase (signal) in the number of disease diagnosis at ISU-VDL, mostly contributed by increased diagnosis for agents classified as respiratory, systemic, and cardiovascular-blood-endocrine-immune;
- From September 20 to October 17, there was a significant increase (signal) in diagnosis of influenza A;
- From October 4 to 17, there was a significant increase (signal) in diagnosis of PRRSV, *S.suis*, rotavirus, and *P. multocida*;