

**SWINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER
FINAL RESEARCH GRANT REPORT FORMAT**

Title: Developing the Morrison Swine Health Monitoring Project (MSHMP) to build capacity and enable the Swine Health Information Center –

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Industry/Research Summary:

Objective 1: Monitor trends in pathogens incidence and prevalence – PRRSv, PEDv, PDCoV, Senecavirus viruses continued to be monitored, each maintaining historical patterns. However, the PEDv cumulative incidence trend was different in that a sharp increase was observed during the fall and into the winter. During 2025 we also explored and developed a method to estimate the breeding herd Influenza A virus (IAV) cumulative incidence. While we confirmed that it is possible to estimate the cumulative incidence based on VDL RT-PCR data, more work needs to be performed to avoid potential underestimation of this metric. Overall, the IAV cumulative incidence ranged between 1% and 5% over the past 10 years.

Objective 2: To conduct prospective monitoring of PRRSv sequence evolution and impact – During 2025 we continued to curate and expand our PRRSv ORF5 database. The representativeness of this database has enabled us to closely monitor throughout the year a newly emerged variant 1H.18. As this variant was monitored, a new system to monitor emerging variants was developed, Variants Under Monitoring (VUM) which is now shared with the public every month. The report is allowing producers to better understand the risk of every single variant that shows rapid dissemination characteristics. Since this report is based on the number of newly infected sites, the industry has an objective measure of variant fitness and thus risk. During 2025, we also assessed the possibility of sharing our weekly maps summarizing disease occurrence. While we believe this would be a great tool for the industry, we need to continue working on pathways to ensure producers and veterinarians feel comfortable with sharing such granular data.

Objective 3: To expand participation of producers to allow for all to be involved – During 2025 we made measurable progress toward broadening participation by successfully onboarding one additional production system, with two additional systems currently in the final stages of enrollment pending submission of required documentation. We have now accounted for 3.9M sows which approximately represents 65% of the U.S. breeding herd. With the goal of better understanding the health profile of the pigs entering the U.S. from Canada, some veterinary clinics and systems were approached to explore whether they would be interested in joining our voluntary project. While there was interest expressed, internal communications needed to occur before them making the decision to join. Fortunately, we did add one system that ships their weaned pig production into the Midwestern United States. On the other hand, we continue to work towards the characterization of each participating breeding herd from a filtration and mortality management perspective.

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Stated Objectives from original proposal

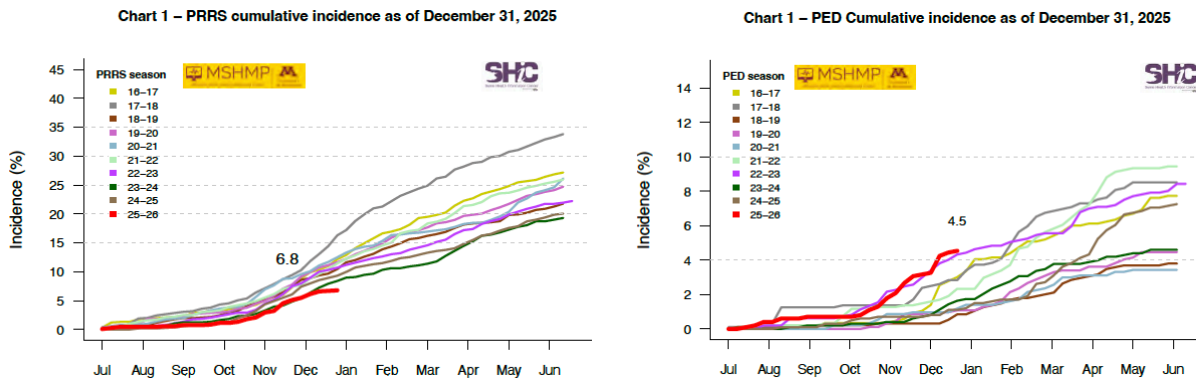
1. To continuously track and analyze trends in the incidence and prevalence of pathogens.
 - i. Continue to provide timely and accurate incidence and prevalence charts representative of the US breeding herd.
 - ii. Explore ways to classify Influenza A virus status in breeding herds and provide incidence metrics by leveraging data from Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories (VDL) for more precise estimates.
2. To sustain ongoing surveillance of the PRRS virus sequences impacting the US swine population.
 - i. Maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date repository containing PRRS virus sequences from both breeding and grow-finishing pigs.
 - ii. Actively monitor the dissemination of the newly emerged PRRSV Lineage 1H.18.
 - iii. Explore whether MSHMP participants are ready to publicly share general PRRSV incidence maps at the state and/or county level.
3. To enhance producer engagement, broaden representation, and facilitate access to timely and industry-relevant disease-related information.
 - i. Expand participation by continuing to incorporate additional production systems and including growing pig facilities within the existing participant network.
 - ii. Determine whether Canadian weaner or feeder pig breeding herd sources could be added to the MSHMP database.
 - iii. Expand the competence of the MSHMP database to include filtration status data by ventilation pressure type (positive/negative).

Results and Discussion

Objective 1

Throughout 2025, we consistently delivered timely and accurate incidence and prevalence charts for PRRS and PEDV. We also recently added PDCoV to the list of diseases our project is monitoring. Reports were distributed to participants and the public through our weekly reports, the MSHMP website (<https://mshmp.umn.edu>), and SHIC's monthly communications. Up until December 2025, The MSHMP has accumulated 17 years' worth of disease monitoring data which clearly highlights the collaborative nature of our participants, the representativeness of the database and the impact of our analysis. Since our cumulative incidence, prevalence and EWMA graphs contain almost two decades worth of data, it was decided together with our participants that specific graphs only contain the most current 10 years of data with the goal of simplifying how data is displayed (Figure 1). This allows readers to more efficiently visualize current disease trends based on nation-wide breeding herd incidence data.

Figure 1. Morrison Swine Health Monitoring Project 10-year PRRSV and PEDV cumulative incidence charts.



In addition, through our participant-only sciences pages, we continue to periodically describe and compare regional disease occurrence and trends, such as PRRS incidence by system and state and PED standardized incidence rate by system, as part of the value-added mission of the project. This detailed data is essential since it enables producers to benchmark and tailor their herd health management strategies to specific regional challenges, enhancing their ability to mitigate the impact of these diseases.

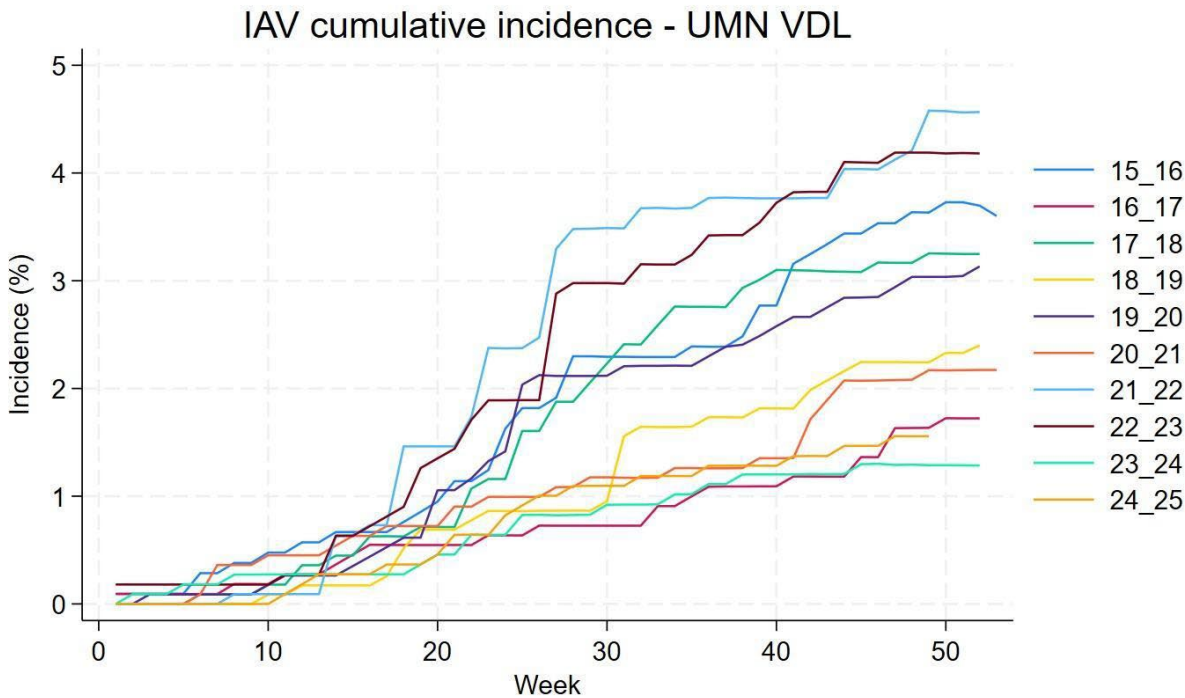
For 2025, we decided to explore whether using University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (UMN VDL) influenza A virus (IAV) RT-PCR data to estimate influenza incidence was possible. We included RT-PCR data from 2015 onwards by mining the VDL dataset and combining data into different categories such as: “blood/serum”, “Oral Fluid/ Processing Fluid” and “Respiratory” indicating all related tissues (e.g., lung, trachea, bronchus, oral, and larynx swabs). By linking molecular data to MSHMP participating breeding sites we were able to assemble an automatable data flow to obtain a denominator and a numerator.

While classification of breeding herds according to IAV is still being discussed at the industry level, we decided to classify farms according to RT-PCR positive results regardless of subtyping and sequencing information as a starting point. We realize that this process requires finetuning; however, our goal was to assess the possibility of classifying herds with current available data. With this preliminary data, we were able to generate a breeding herd cumulative incidence chart (Figure 2) considering a few assumptions regarding sample types and time between same-site submissions. Codes were translated to R to streamline automation and incorporation into the report in the future.

Our results were presented at the MSHMP participant meeting during the 2025 Leman Conference for feedback, where it was proposed that IAV sequencing information would also be added to the case definition. While our first impression is that the graph may be underestimating incidence, we need to remember that IAV monitoring does not occur as frequent as for other diseases such as PRRSV. Potential next steps include the development of a smaller project to enroll a subset of companies and thus implement a monitoring program with an appropriate testing protocol and complementing the data

with additional VDL molecular testing results, as well as procuring agreements to add ISU VDL data.

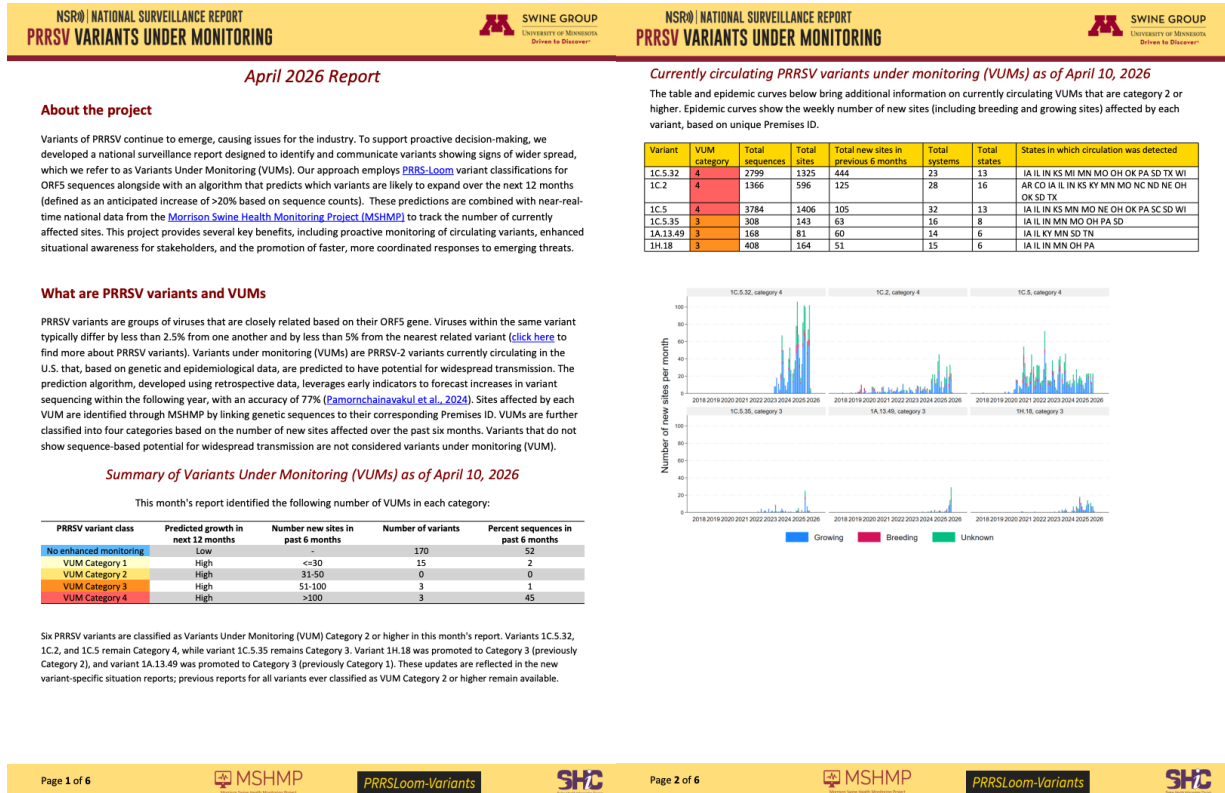
Figure 2. Influenza A virus (IAV) breeding herd cumulative incidence in UMN VDL - MSHMP participating systems.



Objective 2.

The MSHMP participant PRRSV dataset continues to provide significant value to the industry by playing a fundamental role in PRRSV classifications that are scientifically robust and epidemiologically useful. This dataset continues to support the dynamic PRRSV variant classification system through quarterly updates and serves as the basis for the [PRRSV Variants Under Monitoring \(VUM\)](#) monthly report (Figure 3). This report further classifies variants currently circulating in the US into categories based on the number of new sites affected in the previous six months, providing a short list of variants that are currently causing issues in the industry and improving situational awareness. This is possible due to level of data granularity that enables us to link cases to specific sites and locations. Moreover, we continue to support the industry by providing detailed PRRS sequence comparison reports. During 2025, we have aided in 15 outbreak investigations and sequence comparison requests.

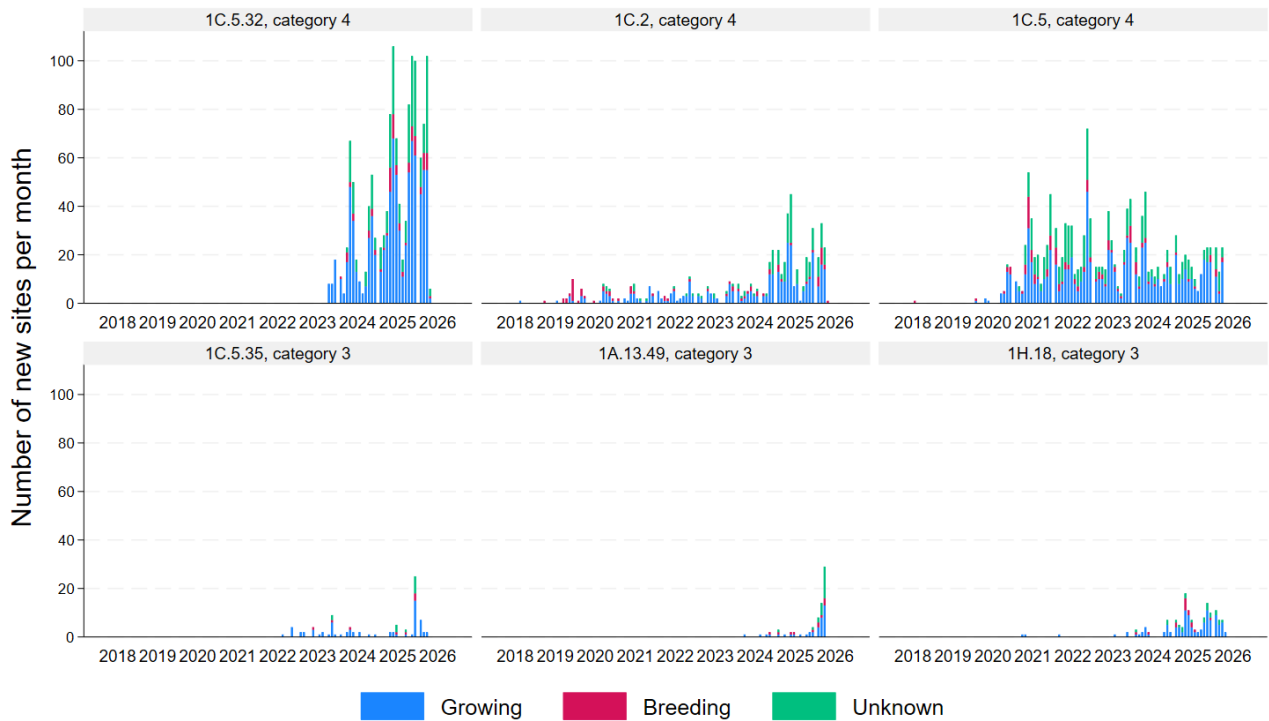
Figure 3. PRRSV Variants Under Monitoring report example.



Our second objective for 2025 was related to actively monitor the emergence of a new PRRSV variant classified as 1H.18. PRRSV variant 1H.18 was originally classified as VUM Category 2 (31-50 new sites in the previous 6 months) in August 2025. The variant was moved down to Category 1 (<30 sites) by October 2025, indicating a temporary deceleration on the number of new cases, but went back to Category 2 in December 2025. At the time of writing (April 2026), variant 1H.18 was just reclassified as Category 3 (51-100 sites in the previous 6 months). This system allows us to closely monitor not only variants that have been on the headlines but also those that are circulating at lower levels but have the potential to expand substantially. An example is variant 1A.13.49, which has been monitored since August 2025 when it was classified as Category 1 (<30 new sites in the past 6 months), but that recently showed an exponential increase in transmission and is now Category 3 (Figure 4).

Altogether, the MSHMP collaboration with PRRS-Loom variant classification and PRRSV Variants Under Monitoring allows for a more proactive understanding of viral dynamics in the U.S.

Figure 4. Variants Under Monitoring as of April, 2026. The chart shows a recent reclassification of variant 1H.18 into Category 3 (51-100 new sites).



For our last sub-aim under this objective, we proposed to assess whether our participant network was interested in sharing current farm status through maps. During the last 5 years, we have been generating important pieces of information such as maps containing farm location and their PRRSV/PEDV status in real time. These pieces of information have been shared with our participants during our MSHMP participant meetings to highlight the capacity that today we have generated. We have also used them in specific cases in which we showed viral dissemination trends at the regional level, the most recent example was the L1C.5 virus in which our participants wanted to know the magnitude and rate at which this virus was spreading. Given the interest and willingness of some participants to share data, we consulted with our participant network to assess whether our participants felt comfortable with us making these real-time maps available to the group and potentially to the industry. During our participant-only meeting we surveyed our participants via the Mentimeter.com software regarding the possibility of MSHMP sharing the weekly incidence maps with the network of participants. The group agreed that these maps summarizing disease occurrence are valuable and will provide one more tool for the industry to use when attacking disease. Most (90%) of our meeting attendants agreed with making these maps available to our industry. This is a significant increase compared to five years ago when the half of the group agreed with this initiative.

Objective 3

During 2025 season, we continued to expand producer participation in alignment with our objective of increasing inclusivity and representativeness. One additional production system was fully onboarded, while two others are in the final stages of enrollment pending submission of required documentation. In parallel, we broadened the scope of participation within existing systems by incorporating newly acquired production sites, ensuring that our dataset continues to reflect structural changes within the industry. We are happy to report that our database now accounts for 3.9M sows of the approximately 5.9M sows in our industry.

We also explored opportunities to further extend participation beyond current networks, including engagement with Canadian swine systems that market weaner or feeder pigs to the United States. Given their relevance to foreign animal disease preparedness, especially in the context of PRRSV and SIV variant introduction, we initiated discussions with key veterinary networks to assess interest and feasibility for future inclusion. As of now, three swine veterinary clinics have been approached and while they expressed interest, they need to understand whether their customer base would agree to joining our project. One small Canadian system that sends their weaner pigs into the United States was onboarded.

In addition to expanding participation, we have continued refining and strengthening the dataset by improving key variables of interest, such as air filtration status. This includes ongoing efforts to verify filtration presence and characterize system types (e.g., positive vs. negative pressure), in response to stakeholder interest in biosecurity variables. These updates contribute to creating a more comprehensive and analytically valuable dataset. Air filtration status is available for 60.0% of the MSHMP breeding sites. Of those, 73.7% are not filtered, 20.0% are filtered year-round, while 6.0% are partially filtered. Amongst year-round filtered farms, 79.7% have negative pressure filtration and 20.3% have positive pressure filtration and we are currently working on updating the air filtration status for the remaining 40.0% of the sow herds

Finally, consistent with our commitment to accessibility and transparency, we have maintained regular communication with participating systems and continued enhancing our website to reflect user needs. These efforts have supported sustained engagement and ensured that our reporting remains accurate, relevant, and representative of the industry.

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Outreach

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