

EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE SIGNS

THE SIGNS OF A DISEASE ARE NOT ALWAYS CONSISTENT BETWEEN HERDS. VARIATIONS ARE COMMON.

Potential Emergency Disease	Pigs affected	Coughing	Vomiting	Scouring	Increased mortalities	Impaired movement	Loss of body condition	Other signs and remarks
Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)	All				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Piglets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lame, unwilling to stand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blisters on feet, snout & teats Fever Dribbling saliva and chomping jaws (mainly adult pigs) Abortions, some breeder deaths
Classical Swine Fever (Hog Cholera)	All		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immediate and high	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staggering, reluctant to move	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red-purplish to red skin Fever Low feed intake Eye discharge Constipation, followed by diarrhoea Pigs huddle together
Pseudorabies or Aujeszky's disease	Mainly growing pigs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High in young pigs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncoordinated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listlessness Increased abortions Some pigs refuse to eat Shivering and convulsions (spasms) Nervous signs in piglets and weaners Respiratory signs in finishers and adults Pig is the only natural host i.e. fatal in many other species, including dogs, cats and cattle
Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS)	Mainly piglets and sows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Piglets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Up to 80% of affected piglets Some sow deaths		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Symptoms variable - Sows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased abortions, stillborns and weak newborns Early farrowing Low conception rates and delayed returns Fever <p>Growing pigs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nervous signs Deep and fast breathing Weaners have a rough hair coat Ill-thrift, i.e. large variation in size of pigs the same age <p>All pigs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feed refusal, Listlessness Blue extremities
Transmissible Gastroenteritis (TGE)	All		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Most affected piglets		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vomiting and scouring immediate and heavy in piglets Clinical signs less severe in older pigs
Post-weaning Multi-systemic Wasting Syndrome (PMWS)	Mainly piglets 6-8 weeks of age				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often large lymph nodes Occasional coughing and scouring Only supportive treatment Pale and jaundiced Difficulty in breathing, or quick and shallow breathing
Influenza	All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sluggish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever Listlessness Low appetite Difficulty breathing Can spread to and from humans (flu in stock people), birds and pigs