Date: March 10, 2015

To: All Swine Members, Leaders and FFA Advisors

From: Meat Animal Sale Swine Committee

Listed is the latest information since the cancellation of the Spring Swine Weigh-in. We ask for your prompt attention to all these details and thank you for your understanding with this Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) and the changes being made.

This information may seem overwhelming, but a “one step at a time” attitude will help. Right now, there are just two steps (see below) that need your attention immediately!

This year, you will not be required to get health papers for your pig before the county fair-no vet check required! However, you may not unload your pig at the fair until the on-site vet at the county fair checks your pig(s) in the trailer/back of truck! Also, please make an all-out effort to sanitize your truck bed/trailer before hauling swine to the fairgrounds!

To prevent further spread of PEDv, we prefer you submit information by email or mail to lessen the traffic in and out of the office. If you do not have internet, please work with friends or family who do.

Information about swine ID tags/Photos/DNA sampling:

1. Please call 920-386-3790 or email the UW-Extension Office Support Staff, Sheri Lotzer at slotzer@co.dodge.wi.us by March 31st to request the number of tags that you/your family need(s) for 2015. Give your family name along with each project exhibitor name. We will mail the tags to you with the “next step instructions outlined later in this letter”.

2. Request your DNA Kit from the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) immediately - go to their website: www.wiid.org. You will need to download the request form - click on the picture of the pig on the right side of the homepage (County Fair/DNA-ID Project). Follow instruction for submitting the request (must submit $5 fee for each DNA sample of pig(s) you plan to identify for the fair). They will send a report to UW-Extension Office with the names of participants from our county.
After completing steps #1 and #2 on other side by March 31, you will be mailed “Next Step Instructions”, included with your tag order:

1. The UW-Extension Office will mail your requested tags and report form which you will fill in with information regarding “barrow/gilt and ear notches & tag number and breed” for our records which you will then take to your producer as you pick up your project piglet(s). Please ask your producer to apply the tag in the ear and also notch the ears of your piglet.

2. Give your producer the COOL form to fill out and return to the UW-Extension Office.

3. Take a photo of piglet’s face with ears held out-clear shot of notches and tag (so tag number is identifiable). Take another photo of the body with any identifiable markings-face of youth exhibitor should also be with piglet.

4. **Send in your photos and ID information electronically to the office by May 1st following the instructions you will receive with your tag mailing.**

5. **Send in DNA samples to WLIC-by May 1st following instructions in kit you received.**

If you have any questions or concerns about PEDv and how it affects the fair this year, please contact Dennis Kohl (920)960-6629 or Bonnie Borden (920)386-3790 or bonnie.borden@ces.uwex.edu.

Enclosures:  
Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration  
Reading the Universal Swine Ear Notching System Chart