



**TO: Nebraska State Fair Swine Exhibitors**  
**FROM: Nebraska State Veterinarian Dr. Dennis Hughes**

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) staff has been involved in several Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) investigations across Nebraska involving swine and Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) this year. There is no way of visually differentiating between lesions caused by SVV or Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). Therefore, NDA staff has been conducting testing on all suspected cases to ensure FMD is not involved. Below are pictures of the lesions NDA staff have been seeing and testing.

As a swine exhibitor at the Nebraska State Fair, NDA is reminding you to not bring pigs with lesions of any kind (blisters, scabs, crust on coronary bands/snouts) to help control the spread of SVV. Any pigs displaying these symptoms will not be permitted to enter the Nebraska State Fair.

If producers notice any of these symptoms they should contact their local veterinarian immediately. NDA, along with USDA, provide free testing for potential FAD. NDA staff will arrive in a timely manner and work to get results within 48 hours. In cases where SVV is also suspected, duplicate samples may be taken at the owner's expense.

Information on SVV biosecurity precautions for exhibitors, as well extension and fair check in staff is available on the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website at: <https://tinyurl.com/NESVV>

It is important to note - SVV is an emerging **reportable** disease, and therefore upon discovery, is required by statute to be reported to the State Veterinarian. If you have questions or need to report a suspected case, please contact the State Veterinarian's office at 402-471-2351.



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