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Good records are necessary in today's pork production enterprises. Without adequate records a herd health program may not be efficient. Records tend to identify the cost of disease. If coupled with a good herd health maximization program an increased economic return is possible.

Timely application of correct management procedures is essential to a program of herd health. Chronic diseases may not be as obvious as transmissible gastroenteritis, for example, but their cost in terms of dollars to the production unit is extremely

important.

This SWINE DISEASE GUIDE is a compilation in chart form of information generally available from many sources. While some disease conditions are readily recognized by the producer many others often require good diagnostic skills and planned programs of prevention and control. These should be provided by the practicing veterinarian. Thus, the veterinarian is a key man in successful pork production units because of his skills in the area of preventive medicine and management.

Boars

DISEASE/CAUSE	PREVENTION ⁵	TREATMENT ⁵	WITHDRAWAL
he females of the breedi		from the swine herd for 2-3 weeks. Prior to using d. This may be done by fence line contact. Have sole mating. Since mating is a learned response sper	
Swine Erysipelas: Bacterium Erysipelothrix	Erysipelas vaccine ^{1,3} (avirulent) Erysipelas bacterin ³ Oral Erysipelas vaccine (water mix)	Penicillin ² Anti-swine Erysipelas serum ²	5 days
insidiosa		Oxytetracycline ² injected	22 days
Leptospirosis Leptospira	Leptospirosis ³ bacterin use type according to strain of Leptospirosis diagnosed	Oxytetracycline ² , injected Streptomycin ² , injected	18 days 30 days
pomona grippotyphosa canicola		To reduce chronic or carrier state of Leptospirosis	
icterohemorrhagio and other species	rae	Chlortetracycline 200 gm./ton continuously or 400 gm./ton at least 14 days	None established
		Oxytetracycline 500 gm./ton 7-14 days	None established
Respiratory Infections Pneumonia Influenza: Influenza virus Other viruses Bacterial infection Stress from environ- mental changes	Isolate new animals Avoid drafty conditions	Individual treatment ² Penicillin, injected Oxytetracycline, injected	5 days 22 days
		Herd treatment ² Chlortetracycline or Oxytetracycline in drinking water	24 hours 24 hours
		Sulfathiazole in drinking water Tetracycline in drinking water	10 days 4 days
Arthritis and Lameness Bacteria Erysipelothrix insidiosa Mycoplasma hyosynoviae (gallinarum) Sort for good feet and legs, good conformation		Dependent upon diagnosis ² Tylosin Lincocin Penicillin Anti-swine Erysipelas serum	4 days 48 hours 5 days
Injuries Foot pads Hoof wall cracks (get proper d	iagnosis)		1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
Brucellosis (Bang's Disease): Bacterium Brucella suis	Buy from validated herds Blood test before adding to herd	None	

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Sows

Pregestation

DISEASE/CAUSE	PREVENTION	TREATMENT	WITHDRAWAL
Brucellosis (Bang's Disease): Bacteria Brucella suis	Buy tested animals only or from validated herds and retest before adding to the herd	None	
Leptospirosis: (See Boars)	Vaccination 2-3 weeks prior to breeding ³	Chlortetracycline 200 gm./ton continuously or 400 gm./ton at least 14 days Oxytetracycline 500 gm./ton, 7-14 days approximately one month before farrowing	None established
Erysipelas: (See Boars)	Vaccination 2-3 weeks prior to breeding 3	Oxytetracycline ² injected (See Boars)	22 days
Respiratory Infections Pneumonia Influenza: (See Boars)	Influenza during or shortly after breeding may produce a reproductive problem.		
Arthritis and Lameness: (See Boars)	Sort breeding stock for good foot and leg conformation.		
Non-Specific Infections (Pre-breeding rations) 2	A combination of 100 gm./Chlortetracycline 100 gm./Sulfamethazine 50 gm./Penicillin per ton of feed 1 week before and 3 weeks after mating		7 days
200	Chlortetracycline—100-200 gm./ton Furaxolidone—100-150 gm./ton 2 weeks to Neomycin 150 gm. and Oxytetracycline 1 Oxytetracycline 100-200 gm./ton Tylosin 100-120 gm./ton	pefore and 2 weeks after mating 50 gm./ton of feed	None established None established None established None established None established
	Gestation a	nd Farrowing	
Non-specific infections causing early embryonic death: Bacteria Viruses	Co-mingle sows and gilts. Expose them to other 30 days prior to breeding so they develop immunity to the bacteria and v that may be present in the herd. As an a prevention when bacteria are involved u drugs listed in the pre-gestation section specific bacterial infections. Use for the 3-4 weeks of the gestation period and thantibiotics out of the ration until 2-3 we to farrowing. No treatment is available for viral infections	will iruses vid in se the for non- first en leave eeks prior	
IMA Plastitis Plastitis: Placteria F. coli Streptococci sp. Corynebacterium and other bacteria Management factors Nutritional deficiencies Unknown causes	Feed antibiotics ⁴ which sensitivity testing indicates would be of value in your herd. Vaccination of the sow using mixed bacterins ³ Autogenous bacterins pre-3 pared from bacteria involved in the herd problem are best Use at 6 weeks and 2 weeks before farrowing (two injections) Vitamin E 10,000-20,000 units/ton	Streptomycin ² , injected Cortico-steroids, injected	30 days
galactia: Constipation Mastitis Metritis Hormonal deficiencies	Thyroprotein (100-200 gm./ton) Caution: This drug will increase the metabolic rate. Sows and gilts will become very thin unless pigs are weaned early. Not recommended for routine use. Consult your veterinarian.	Mineral oil by mouth, Enemas, Epsom or Glauber salts in feed or water. See above See above Posterior pituitary extract 1	None established

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Atrophic Rhinitis: Bacterium Bordetella bronchiseptica Secondary invading bacteria	ella Consult your veterinarian nchiseptica for details lary invading To reduce carrier state from sow to		None	10 days
Influenza		ng in new animals.	Sulfathiazole ² in drinking water	10 days
Pneumonia: Influenza virus Pasteurella and other bacteria	influenza	e to viruses, including a during gestation may e baby pig before	Penicillin, injected Oxytetracycline, injected Tylosin, injected	5 days 18 days 4 days
SMEDI Stillborn, mummified Embryonic death Infertility: Enteroviruses Influenza virus Psuedorabies virus Hog cholera virus and other viruses affect the unborn pearly embryonic de mummification and or weak pigs at birte	pigs which may pig causing path or d stillborn	o-mingle sows and gilts 30 days before breeding. Give fence line contact with new boars. Avoid exposure of pregnant animals to outside animals. Animals so affect usually will carry normal litters at the next breeding if not exposed to a different virus. This condition may recur in 2-3 years cycles on some farms.		
Brucellosis: Bacterium Brucella suis Abortions	(See Boars)		None	
TGE Transmissible Gastro-enteritis: Virus	Vaccination 6 weeks farrowing	of the sow twice, 1,3 and 2 weeks prior to g	None Avoid outside exposures during farrowing periods	
Clostridial enteritis Type C: Bacterium Clostridium perfinges Type C	Vaccination 6 weeks farrowin	of the sow twice, ³ and 2 weeks prior to g	This is a disease of the baby pig which may be prevented by sow vaccination. Schedule the 2nd vaccination as near to 2 weeks prior to farrowing as possible	94.
Erysipelas: Bacterium Erysipelothrix insidiosa	anytime prefer be	of sow ³ can be done during gestation, fore breeding to get n protection	May repeat vaccination 3-4 weeks prior to farrowing to help protect the baby pig (See Boars)	
Leptospirosis: Bacterium Leptospira pomona, grippotyp canicola, incterohe, and other species	hosa,	(See Boars) Vaccination of sow ^{1,3} can be don anytime during gestation. Prefer before breeding to get maximum protection. (Also se recommendations under Boars	e feed	
Arthritis and Lameness: Bacterium Mycoplasma hyosy (gallinarum) Erysipelothrix insidiosa Mineral deficiencies Injuries Foot pads and Hoo (Get proper diagno	of wall cracks	Good selection practices may be an aid.	Treatment based on diagnosis ² Tylosin Lincocin Penicillin Cortico steroids Anti-swine Erysipelas serum	4 days 48 hours 5 days
		Baby Pig	gs	
Hypoglycemia Sugar deficiency: Starvation Chilling	(Don't k	ng o nurse shortly after birth eep the pigs away until the rough farrowing)	Dextrose or dark syrup by mouth or injected inraperitoneally with dextrose.	

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Transmissible Gastro enteritis TGE Baby pig disease: <i>TGE virus</i>	Avoid exposure. Limit people, animals, trucks on the premise. Don't bring it home from markets or your neighbors. Sow vaccination (See Sows)	No treatment is of value. Normal electrolytes in water will help to replace the fluid loss in pigs. If they are over 2-3 weeks in age.you may save a few more pigs. Consult your veterinarian.	
Clostridial enteritis: Bacterium Clostridium perfinges Type C	Sow vaccination ³ to protect baby pig through colostrum. (See Sows) Clostridium Type C antitoxin at birth. This may be too late, sow vaccination preferred.	None	
Non-specific diarrheas: E. coli and other bacteria	Before farrowing expose the sow and gilt to manure from the farrowing house. Bacterins to the sow (preferably autogenous) may be helpful. Sanitation of the building, wash and fumigate. Wash the sow or gilt when brought to the farrowing house. They may be carriers. Allow an interval between farrowings. Consult your veterinarian for a specific program.	Early treatment (First 24 hours most important) with an antibiotic or sulfonamide drug by using a sensitivity test of the bacteria involved. 4 Where the problem exists, treatment at 24 hours whether scours is observed or not is a good practice.	
Nutritional anemia: Iron deficiency	Inject with injectable iron compounds at 1-3 days of age. Inject into the muscle of the neck or under the skin of the neck or flank. Give a second injection if pigs are not starting to eat creep feed by 3½ weeks of age. Oral iron dosed individually twice weekly until the pigs are eating will prevent anemia, but it is a time-consuming job. Oral iron in moss or feed is a valuable aid to prevent nutritional anemia.	Once anemia occurs use injectable iron compounds. Add additional iron and copper to the creep rations.	
Pneumonia: Bacteria Pasteurella Mycoplasma Secondary to Atrophic rhinitis Drafts	Improve management, avoid drafts and chilling. Bacterins (preferably autogenous) for Pasteurella pneumonia.	Oxytetracycline ² Penicillin ² Tylosine ² These drugs are to be injected. Broad spectrum antibiotics oxytetracycline or chlortetracycline fed at high levels may be valuable in secondary chronic pneumonias.	18 days 5 days 4 days
Atrophic rhinitis: Bacteria Bordetella bronchiseptica	Nasal swabbing of sows. (Consult your veterinarian about the merits and demerits of nasal swabbing. Rhinitis free breeding stock. Wean pigs early in infected herds. Save older sows to raise replacement gilts. Avoid stress conditions; enteritis, anemia, pneumonia and parasites which will make the effects of rhinitis more severe. Keep cats and other carrier animals out of the farrowing house, as they can be carriers of the bacteria Bordetella bronchiseptica.	Sulfamethazine or sulfathiazole in creep feeds in combination with antibiotics. Use for a minimum of 5 weeks, preferably to at least 75 lb. in weight. Many strains of bacteria are resistant to sulfa drugs. To control secondary pneumonias it may be valuable to use sulfamethazine or sulfathiazole and broad spectrum antibiotics to market weight. Antibiotics may be injected for treatment of individuals showing respiratory problems. (See pneumonia baby pigs)	
Arthritis (Pyogenic): Bacteria Streptococci sp Corynebacterium sp Staphylococci sp	Clip needle teeth in first few hours, ear notch and dock pigs in a clean and sanitary manner. Avoid rough floors. Mechanical abrasions of the feet and knees occurs in first few hours of life. Disinfection of navels is important but other sources of infection are the ears, knees and tail in modern swine units. The use of epoxy paints to improve the floor surface may be important; avoid excessively smooth floors.	Oxytetracycline ² Penicillin ² Tylosin ²	18 days 5 days 4 days
ameness: Navel infection Tail docking Foot and leg abrasions Other injuries	(See above) Use a sanitary method to reduce infection and control hemorrhage. Chicken debeakers are useful for this purpose as it cauterizes the tail stump.	Injectable antibiotics (See above)	19 3 AT

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Bacterial enteritis: Bacterium E. coli most common Erratic diet of sows milk and creep fed Pigs immune system at low point	Avoid chilling and drafts. Keep pens dry. Consider using creep feeds with lower protein levels that have additional lysine and other fortification added. Use nitra- furazone or sulfas in the drinking water at weaning. Carbadox in the feed may be of value. See note concerning the use of carbadox under Weanling Pigs and Finishing Hogs (Necrotic enteritis).	Nitrafurazone or Tetracyclines in pig's drinking water ²	5 days 4 days
	Weanling Pigs and F	Finishing Hogs	
Colibacillosis (Post weaning diarrhea) Feeder pig enteritis Non-specific bacterial enteritis: Bacterial Usually E. coli	Avoid stresses, feed changes. Medicate feed and/or water for 5-7 days during stress periods	See Necrotic enteritis Correct anemia if present Use injectable iron and feeds with additiona and copper. Normal electrolytes may be in the water. Additional fortification wit B vitamins in the diet may be helpful at	of value th
Edema disease (Enterotoxemia): Bacteria E. coli Stress such as weaning, shipping, feed chang		Starvation for 24 hours Nitrafurazone or Tetracyclines in pig's drinking water ²	5 days 4 days
Parakeratosis: Zinc deficiency High calcium Rations or other mineral imbalances	50 ppm. of zinc added to the ration	150 ppm. of zinc added to the ration	
Hemorrhagic syndrome (Bleeding disease) Anti-vitamine K factors Mycotoxins Moldy feeds Unknown causes	Menadione Sodium Bisulfite 2 gm./ton of feed	Increased levels of Menadione Sodium Bisul- fite in feed and/or water	
Jowl absess (Cervical abscesses): Bacterial Streptococci sp most common Many others also associated with abscess formation	Vaccination at 10-15 weeks of age 1,3 Chlortetracycline 50-100 gm./ton to reduce incidence	Surgically drain abscesses (Limited value on a herd basis) Penicillin ² - Do sensitivity testing of bacteria present to determine correct antibiotic ⁴	None established 5 days
Erysipelas: Bacteria Erysipelothrix insidiosa	Erysipelas vaccine ^{1,3} (Avirulent) Erysipelas bacterin ³ Oral Erysipelas vaccine (water mix) Vaccination at 6-8 weeks of age	Penicillin ² Anti-swing erysipelas serum ²	5 days
Necrotic enteritis Necro Bacterial enteritis Bacteria Salmonella sp. May be present as	Isolate new animals for 3-4 weeks before mixing with other swine Bacitracin 50-100 gm /top of feed	Bacitracin Not less than 100 gm./ton of feed Carbadox 50 gm./ton Not to be fed to swine over 75 lb.	None established
systemic disease with little or no diarrhea present. Contaminated feed sources Carrier animals	Chlortetracycline 50-100 gm./ton of feed Furazolidone 150 gm./ton of feed or Furazolidone 200 gm./ton of feed, 2 weeks 150 gm./ton of feed, 3 weeks 100 gm./ton of feed, 5 weeks	Chlortetracycline 100-200 gm./ton of feed Furazolidone 300 gm./ton of feed feed for 10-14 days	None established
	Neomycin sulfate 35 gm./ton of feed	Neomycin sulfate 70-140 gm./ton of feed Nitrafurazone 500 gm./ton of feed 5-6 days Water soluble form ²	None established
	Oxytetracycline 50 gm./ton of feed	Oxytetracycline 100 gm./ton of feed	None established
	Penicillin-Streptomycin combinations 45-90 gm./ton of feed	Penicillin-Streptomycin combinations 90-270 gm./ton of feed for not	None established 2 days
		more than 14 days Sulfathiazole in drinking water ²	10 days

At this time carbadox has not been cleared for use in combinations with sulfa drugs. If you need sulfa drugs to aid in controlling rhinitis and pneumonia consult your veterinarian for proper application of these products in your herd.

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Hemorrhagic dysentery Vibrionic dysentery (Bloody scours)	Isolate new animals Avoid contaminated trucks and equipment	Carbadox 50 gm./ton Not to be fed to swine over 75 lb.	10 weeks
Vibrio coli Large spirochete Possible other	Arsanilic acid or Sodium arsanilate	Arsanilic Acid or Sodium arsanilate 0.025-0.04% for 5-6 days	5 days 5 days
unknown casues	0.005-0.01% 45-90 gm./ton of feed	230-360 gm./ton of feed Sodium Arsanilate ² Water soluble for drinking	5 days
	Chlortetracycline 50-100 gm./ton of feed Furazolidone	water 3 Nitro-4Hydroxy Phenyl Arsonic Acid ² 0.02% feed for 5-6 days	5 days None established None established
	150 gm./ton of feed or Furazolidone 200 gm./ton-2 weeks 150 gm./ton-3 weeks 100 gm./ton-5 weeks	Furaxolidone 300 gm./ton Feed for 10-14 days	None established None established
	Neomycin sulfate	Neomycin sulfate 70-140 gm./ton of feed	None established
	35 gm./ton of feed	Nitrafurazone—water soluble	None established
	Oxytetracycline 50 gm./ton of feed	Oxytetracycline 100 gm./ton of feed	None established
	Tylosin 100 gm./ton of feed for 3 weeks, then 40 gm./ton of feed to market weight	Tylosin 40-100 gm./ton of feed for 2-6 weeks after treating with tylosin in drinking water for 3-10 days ²	None established
Pneumonias:	See Atrophic rhinitis baby pigs	Individual ²	
Secondary to Atrophic rhinitis		Oxytetracycline Penicillin	18 days 5 days
Secondary to	Early treatment Avoid drafts	Herd 2	
influenza Pasteurella sp. Mycoplasma	Avoid drafts Problem herds can use bacterins ³ containing Pasteurella organisms Avoid bringing in new animals; isolate all additions to the herd Reduce migration of Ascarids	Chlortetracycline Oxytetracycline Sulfamethazine Sulfathiazole	24 hours 24 hours 10 days 10 days
	(Round Worms) Passage of the larva through the lung makes the pneumonia more severe	Other sulfa drugs Expectorant drugs All of the above drugs for herd use are to be used in the	Dependent upon the drugs used
		drinking water. Tylosin plus sulfamethazine 100/100 (gm./ton) Feed at least 3 weeks	5 days
Atrophic rhinitis: <i>See baby pig</i> s	Avoid stresses. Enteritis, pneumonia, parasites all make rhinitis more severe. Sulfamethazine, or sulfathiazole in the feed of small pigs, use for at least 5 weeks, preferably to 75 lb. in weight. (Many strains of Bordetella are resistant to sulfonamide therapy).	Sulfathiazole Sulfamethazine	10 days 7 days
Arthritis: Bacterial Mycoplasma		Tylosin ² Lincocin ² Early treatment essential	4 days 48 hours
hyosynoviae (granularum) Erysipelas		Penicillin ² Anti-swine erysipelas serum ²	5 days
Tail biting: Tail biting Injuries Crowding	Remove tails on baby-pigs Well fortified rations Avoid crowding	Individual ² Penicillin Oxytetracycline Early treatment is essential	5 days 18 days
Dietary deficiencies Lack of enough feeder and waterers Lack of bedding (bare concrete floo Weather changes Manure pit gases Unknown causes		Herd Organic iodides ² Magnesium oxide in feed Hay, paper sacks, tires, bowling balls, to give hogs something to reduce boredom. If closely confined move pigs to a larger pen or outdoors.	None established None established

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Inemia:

Nutritional
(iron deficiencies)
Eperythrozoonosis
(blood parasite)
Moldy grains
(blood loss from
hemorrhages)
Gastric Ulcers
(blood loss)
Vitamin K
deficiency or
interferences with
absorption and
utilization
Post weaning diarrhea
(secondary effect)

Acute hemorrhages as from ulcers and the effects of mold are seldom observed early enough to justify treatment. Other anemias are corrected by adding iron and copper to the diet. Injected iron is used in conjunction with other post weaning diarrhea treatments.

Common Parasites — Internal

PARASITES/CAUSE	PREVENTION	TREATMENT	WITHDRAWAL
Ascarids Large round worm: Ascaris suum	Worm the sow prior to breeding or 2 weeks prior to farrowing. Wash sow thoroughly before farrowing. Raise pig in cleaned buildings	Sow Dichlorovos 7-10 days prior to breeding and/or 2 weeks prior to farrowing.	None established
agarinasa, in marina an	or new hog pastures. Avoid old lots.	Piperazine in teed or water same schedule as for Dichlorovos	None established
		Dichlorovos mixed in feed at 4-5 weeks of age.	None established
		Piperazine compounds in feed or water 6 weeks of age or older.	None established
	Pigs	Levamisole Hydrochloride in feed or water at weaning.	3 days
	Hygromycin B 12 gm./ton of feed	or water at wearing.	48 hours
	Thiabendazole 0.005-0.1% (45.4-908 gm./ton) in feed (administer continuously, feed containing 0.05-0.1% for 2 weeks followed by feed containing 0.005-0.02% Thiabendazole for 8-14 weeks)		30 days
	Pyrantel Tartrate 96 gm./ton (0.0106%)	Pyrantel Tartrate 800 gm./ton (0.0881%)	24 hours
Lungworms: Metastrongylus sp.	Raise pigs in confinement. Avoid ingestion of earth worms.	Cyanacethydrazide 1 cc./35 lb. body weight Repeat in 24 hours to 2 weeks if necessary (See your veterinarian) Levamisole Hydrochloride in feed or water at weaning.	3 days
Whipworms: Trichuris sp.	General swine sanitation Hygromycin B 12 gm./ton	Dichlorovos in feed as needed. Have your veterinarian check for the presence of parasites. Hygromycin in feed. (An aid in treatment)	None established 48 hours
Nodular worm: Oesophogostomum sp.:	Hygromycin B 12 gm./ton of feed	Hygromycin B in feed Dichlorovos in feed Phenothiazine in feed Piperazine in feed or water Levamisole hydrochloride in feed or water	48 hours None established None established None established 3 days
	Pyrantel Tartrate 96 gm./ton (0.0106%)	Pyrantel tartrate 800 gm./ton (0.0881%)	24 hours
Strongyloides: Stongyloides ransomi:	Strict sanitation in the farrowing house, Maintain sows and gilts in clean dry pastures during gestation.	Thiabendazole Baby pigs 1-8 weeks of age 200 mg. to each 5-7 lb. of body weight.	30 days
	Thiabendazole in feed at a level of 0.05-0.1% has been reported to be of value.	Repeat in 5-7 days if necessary.2	30 days

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Common Parasites — External

PARASITE/CAUSE	PREVENTION	TREATMENT	WITHDRAWAL
Mange: Sarcoptes scabiei Demodex phylloides	Dip or spray all new animals arriving at the fram. Routinely schedule spraying at 2 week intervals of animals and premise until control is achieved.	Toxaphene Malathion	28 days None established None established
		Coumaphos (Do not use on pigs before weaning) Use above as a dip or spray	14 days
Lice: Hematopinus suis	Dip or spray all new animals arriving at the farm. Routinely schedule spraying at 2-3 week intervals of animals and premise until control	Toxaphene Malathion Coumaphos (Do not use on pigs before weaning)	28 days None established 14 days
	is achieved.	Use above as a dip or spray Crotoxyphos (Ciodrin)	None established

CAUTION: In the use of products for mange and louse control, follow manufacturers instructions for proper mixing and application. Avoid medicated hog oils on pregnant animals as abortions may occur. It is not safe to spray small nursing pigs.

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