

## Swine Health Alert:

# Senecavirus A (SVA)

Showing pigs at fairs, shows and other exhibitions has never been more popular. As always, a major key to having a successful show season and keeping pigs healthy involves following a biosecurity plan. Part of a biosecurity plan is to be aware of potential threats to your pig's health and learn how to avoid them.

Today, there is a disease called Senecavirus A (SVA), also known as Seneca Valley Virus (SVV), that all exhibitors should take seriously.

While SVA is not new to the United States, most producers and many veterinarians are unfamiliar with the virus. SVA is in the same family as foot and mouth disease virus and swine vesicular disease virus. Infected pigs develop blisters around the nose, mouth and hooves. Lameness is common, and general symptoms of illness, such as fever, lethargy and anorexia, may occur.

**The main concern with SVA is that it looks very similar to foot and mouth disease and the only way to tell the difference is by veterinary diagnostic tests. This makes it very important to know the clinical signs of SVA so you can report it to your veterinarian or state vet right away.**

The virus can spread through direct contact with infected pigs, through contact with fomites such as boots, brushes or other equipment. **Contact your veterinarian immediately if you see blisters or ulcers on your pig's snout, mouth or hooves.** If possible, isolate ill animals away from healthy pigs. **Do not send pigs with signs of SVA to a show or to market.** Following basic biosecurity steps can help to prevent the transmission and spread of SVA and many other diseases.



### Clinical signs of SVA:

- Fever (>102.5° F)
- Off feed
- Lethargy (moving slowly, not wanting to get up)
- Lameness
- Vesicles (blisters) or ulcers on snout, mouth, tongue, and hooves at the coronary band or in between the toes



More detailed information about SVA can be found at [swinehealth.org/ fact-sheets](https://swinehealth.org/fact-sheets)

For additional biosecurity resources, such as "A Champion's Guide to Biosecurity," go to [porkcheckoff.org/show-pig-producers/](https://porkcheckoff.org/show-pig-producers/)