

OAHN SWINE SMALL SCALE HERD POSTMORTEM PROJECT



The Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN) is sponsoring a new study to identify disease issues in small scale swine herds in Ontario. **For this project, small scale swine herds are defined as those with ≤ 50 sows, or that market ≤ 1000 hogs annually**

The goals of the project are to:

- ▶ Identify disease problems in Ontario small scale swine herds
- ▶ Establish and maintain communications between small scale producers, veterinarians and OAHN
- ▶ Increase awareness of zoonotic and foreign animal diseases among small scale swine producers.



Postmortem (PM) exams and laboratory testing must be organized through your herd veterinarian. Postmortems may be done on-farm by your veterinarian, or the Animal Health Laboratory (AHL), University of Guelph. Additional laboratory testing will also be carried out at the AHL. Costs for PMs and laboratory tests will be subsidized by the project.

Test results will be communicated to your herd veterinarian.

Summary of requirements for postmortem (PM) case enrollment in the project and qualification for PM and testing subsidies:

- Your herd is located in Ontario and has **≤ 50 sows, or ≤ 1000 hogs are marketed per year**
- Your herd has a Premises Identification Number (**PID**)
- Your veterinarian has enrolled the case in the PM project
- You have completed the herd management survey included with project submission form (provided to you by your veterinarian)
- Postmortem exam is carried out at the Animal Health Laboratory OR on-farm by your veterinarian, with full completion of the appropriate submission form by your veterinarian, strict adherence to sampling requirements, and carcass / sample submission to the AHL

Contact your veterinarian for more information about participating in this project.

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Findings from the Swine Small Scale Herd Postmortem Project will be made available to industry stakeholders in the winter of 2020-2021.