

Researchers from The Ohio State University will be conducting a research project during the 2016 Ohio Summer Show Circuit.

What will be done? Randomly selected pigs will be tested for influenza as part of a surveillance project with The Ohio State University. Samples will be collected by simply wiping the snout of selected pigs with cotton gauze (pictured below). Residence zip codes of participating pigs will be recorded but no personally identifiable information will be collected, so the results cannot be linked to any individual or farm.



When will testing be done? Saturday night of each show

Why is this study being done? The Ohio State University Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine is conducting a field investigation to better understand influenza in pigs. The resulting database will provide information that will be used by the U.S. pork industry, veterinarians, and public health officials. The U.S. pork industry will use this proactive effort to help evaluate and supplement their ongoing swine health programs to further assure consumers they are getting a high quality and safe product. Both veterinarians and the public health officials will use the data to monitor for the emergence of any influenza virus that would be of concern to swine, swine producers, and consumers.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Morgan.

