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**A case of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) has been confirmed by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.**

**About Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED)**

In Alberta, PED is a provincially reportable disease, which means that producers or veterinarians must notify the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian (OCPV) of all suspected or confirmed cases. There is **no human health risk** with PED.

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) is a highly contagious, viral disease of pigs that has not previously been detected in Alberta. PED causes severe diarrhea and death in suckling pigs and milder diarrhea in older pigs. Any sudden onset of unusual diarrhea should be investigated immediately by a veterinarian.

It has been detected in other provinces including Ontario and Manitoba as well as several states in the United States. For the past five years, AF and its stakeholders have successfully kept this disease out of Alberta.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) will continue to work with Alberta Pork, pork producers, swine veterinarians, and other pork industry stakeholders to investigate this case and prevent further spread of the virus.

We do not expect any market access implications as a result of this finding.

If you suspect your pigs may be infected, contact your veterinarian as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Alberta's Chief Provincial Veterinarian at 780-427-3448.