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2009 H1N1 Virus Outbreak: Agriculture Fact Sheet

Virus not in U.S. Swine. There have been no reports that the novel H1N1 virus strain currently causing illness in humans is in U.S. swine.

This is not a foodborne illness. The American food supply is safe and pork and pork products are safe. As is the case with all meat and poultry, safe handling and cooking practices should be used to kill any germs or bacteria that could make you sick.

Biosecurity Measures. As a precaution, people with flu-like symptoms should not interact with swine, and swine showing influenza symptoms should be kept away from the public and brought to the attention of the State Animal Health Authorities or USDA. Proper biosecurity measures - as in any influenza situation - will protect against the spread of virus.

Ohio's swine population under constant surveillance. The Ohio Department of Agriculture Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory continues to provide diagnostic surveillance as a member of the USDA National Animal Health Laboratory Network. State animal health officials encourage swine producers and extension agents to contact the ADDL, through a veterinary practitioner, regarding sample submission information.

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