SOW MORTALITY PROJECT—WEEK 14 UPDATE 4-14-18

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Overview: Calendar Year 2018 Week 14. Ninety-two sow farms representing an inventory of 344,303 sows, have submitted mortality records indicating 799 sow deaths. The following figures summarize the distribution and variation of sow deaths across reporting sow farms.

Figure 1 (Above). Annualized rate of pelvic organ prolapse (POP) varied across sow farms during Week 14 from over 17% to 0%.

Figure 2 (Above). Annualized total mortality for reporting sow farms for Week 14. The red portion of the bars represent the proportion of the sow mortalities that occurred that were not due to prolapse while the yellow portion of the bars indicates the proportion occurring due to prolapse.

Figure 3 (Right). Breakdown of all mortalities reported for Week 14. A total of 25% of sow mortalities were the result of some form prolapse. Approximately 27% died due to lameness and related causes and 37% died due to other or unknown causes.

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