

**SOW MORTALITY PROJECT-WEEK 35 UPDATE 9-7-18**

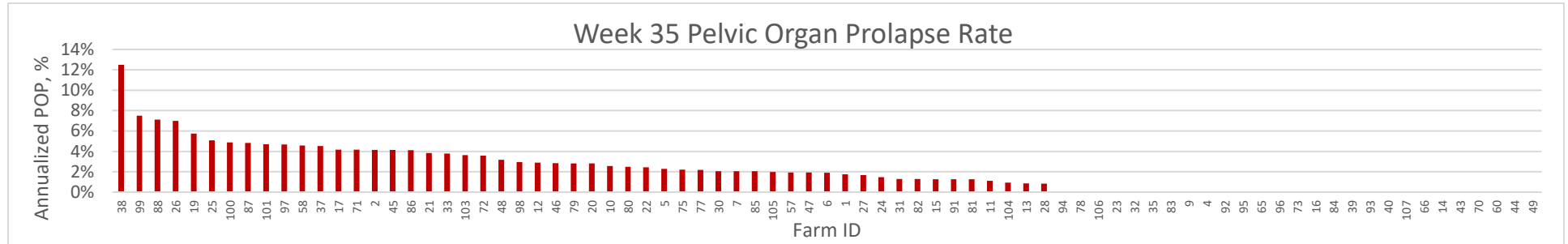
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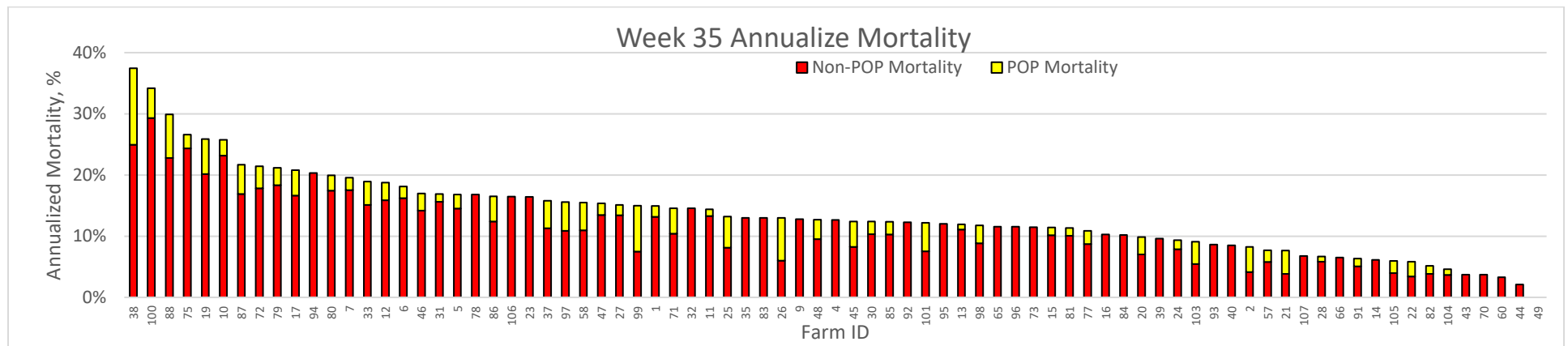
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**Overview:** Calendar Year 2018 Week 35. Seventy-nine sow farms representing an inventory of 299,857 sows, have submitted mortality records indicating 769 sow deaths. The following figures summarize the distribution and variation of sow deaths across reporting sow farms.



**Figure 1 (Above).** Annualized rate of pelvic organ prolapse (POP) varied across sow farms during Week 35 from over 12% to 0%.



**Figure 2 (Above).** Annualized total mortality for reporting sow farms for Week 35. 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 35. A total of 16% of sow mortalities were the result of some form prolapse. Approximately 34% died due to lameness and related causes and 41% died due to other or unknown causes.

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