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**NGFA donates to PEDV research**

The National Grain & Feed Foundation (NGFF) has contributed $60,000 to the National Pork Board (NPB) for use in research on porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV), which has affected many swine herds in the U.S. Moreover, PEDV has infected and killed millions of young pigs on farms of all sizes in 30 states since May 2013, as well as in four Canadian provinces since January 2014. Importantly, the virus does not affect people or the safety of consumable pork products. The virus has infected and killed millions of young pigs on farms of all sizes in 30 states since May 2013, as well as in four Canadian provinces since January 2014. Important, the virus does not affect people or the safety of consumable pork products. The NGFF, founded in 1965, is the research and education arm of NGFA.

**The updated program also provides a new approach to understanding basic pig behavior and language and how it contributes to a safe and positive experience for both the pig and handler.**

"Calm pigs are easier to handle than excited, agitated pigs. Handling will be easier — and pigs less likely to become agitated and bunch together — if handlers use basic pig behavioral principles," Webb said. "An important part of effectively using pig handling during processing is learning how the pig perceives and responds to the handler in different situations and environments."