(Nov. 8, 2013) – The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has confirmed a case of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) in southern Maryland and is alerting swine producers across the state to take proper precautions to protect their herds. PED only infects pigs, poses no known public health threat and is not a food safety concern. Mortality rate, however, can be as high as 100 percent in suckling and early weaned pigs.

PED was first diagnosed in Great Britain in 1971, and Europe has had periodic outbreaks ever since, but the disease was not confirmed in the United State until this past May. It was confirmed in Maryland yesterday.

Primary clinical signs of the disease are: severe diarrhea in pigs of all ages, vomiting and high morbidity and mortality. It is generally spread among pigs and by infected feces transported into pig areas by trucks, boots, clothing, and the like. Once infected, the incubation period is very short (12-24 hours) and the virus is shed for 7-10 days. Producers who raise swine are encouraged to follow strict biosecurity methods and undertake disinfection procedures, which include the following:

• Limiting traffic (people and equipment) onto the farm,
• Thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting anything coming onto the farm,
• Enforcing downtime requirements and maintaining a log of visitors,
• Taking care when disposing of dead stock particularly if using a communal disposal method,
• Isolating newly arriving animals and continuing vet to vet discussions about animal health at the herd of origin, and
• Showering into the facility where practical and changing into clean boots and coveralls (veterinarians should also be careful not to track the virus between herds on their person, equipment or vehicles). Producers who suspect their pigs are sick should contact their veterinarian immediately.

PED is NOT a “reportable” disease, which are diseases of great public health concern that must be reported to MDA. More information and fact sheets on PED are available from the American Association of Swine Veterinarians here: http://www.aasv.org/aasv%20website/Resources/Diseases/PorcineEpidemicDiarrhea.php

Contact: Maryland Department of Agriculture Animal Health Section, 410-841-5810

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Southern Maryland Crops Dinner

December 3
4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Baden Volunteer Fire Department
16608 Brandywine Road
Brandywine, Maryland

See attached Agenda and registration form.
Register by November 22, 2013, to insure dinner availability.

Attendance at this program will also fulfill the requirements for Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification and Nutrient Applicator Voucher Training.

2013 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference
Loews Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland
December 4, 2013
Agenda

8:30 Registration and Coffee
9:00 Welcome
  Dr. Robert Chambers, Chair and Professor, Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of MD
9:15 Phosphorus Management Tool
  Dr. Frank Coale, Professor, Environmental Science and Technology, University of MD
10:00 Maryland Policy Update
  Joanna Kille, Director Government Relations Maryland Depart. of Agric.
10:30 Poultry Market Outlook
  David Harvey and Alex Melton Agricultural Economists, USDA-ERS
11:00 Grain Market Outlook
  Mark Jekanowski Crops Branch Chief, USDA-ERS
11:30 UMD & MDA Partnership Update
  Steve Connelly, MD Dept. of Agriculture
11:45 Lunch
12:15 Agriculture and the Law: Where is it Headed?
  Harrison Pittman, Director National Agricultural Law Center at the University of Arkansas
1:15 Economics of Grass-Based Livestock Systems in MD
  Jim Hanson, Extension Economist, Dept. of Ag & Resource Economics, University of MD
2:00 USDA Conservation Programs
  Carol Hollingsworth, Public Affairs Specialist, MD State Office USDA-NRCS
2:30 U.S. Agricultural Policy the 2013 Farm Bill
  Stephanie Mercier, Ag Policy Specialist, Agricultural Perspectives
3:15 Closing Remarks
  Dr. Cheng-i Wei, Dean College of Agriculture and Natural Resource, University of Maryland

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Crop Sustainability & IPM Workshop
Pesticide Recertification & Nutrient Management Voucher Training
December 10, 2013

Make plans to attend the Crop Sustainability & IPM Workshop on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the Anne Arundel Extension Office from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This workshop will explore advanced crop production practices focusing on sustainability, food security and integrated pest management tactics. Topics will include: Crop selection; integrated crop management; soil fertility; weed control; insect control; and disease control for field crops, fruits and vegetables.

Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification & Nutrient Management Voucher Recertification will be awarded for full class participation.

To register for this event contact the Anne Arundel County Extension Office at 410-222-3906.

R. David Myers, Principal Agent
Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of Maryland Extension
Anne Arundel and Prince George’s Counties
Southern Maryland
Crops Dinner

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• Enhancing Sorghum Production
• Soybean Maturity Selection, Cover Crop Planting Methods, Wheat N Management
• What does $4 Corn Mean to Your Bottom Line?
• Pesticide and Nutrient Management Update

The registration fee of $10.00 includes a catered dinner. For further information call (301) 934-5403 or your local Southern Maryland Extension Office. Register by November 22, 2013, to insure dinner availability. Please fill out and return the registration form below along with your check. Attendance at this program will also fulfill the requirements for Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification and Nutrient Management Voucher Training.

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If you need special assistance to participate in the Crops Dinner, please contact Ben Beale, University of Maryland Extension, (301) 475-4484, by November 15, 2013.

Please complete separate form for each participant

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ATTN: CROPS CONFERENCE DINNER, 9375 Chesaapeake St., Suite 119, La Plata, MD 20646
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16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD 20613

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December 3, 2013

4:00 PM  Welcome

4:05 PM  Entomology Happens: Stinkbugs, Slugs, and Soybean Weeds Too
Dr. Cerruti Hooks
Associate Professor & Extension Specialist
Entomology

4:45 PM  Legal Roundup: Leasing Land, Crop Insurance and Seed Saving Laws
Mr. Paul Goeringer, Esq.
Dept. of Ag & Resource Economics
University of Maryland

5:30 PM  Enhancing Sorghum Production
Mr. Jim Lewis
Senior Extension Agent- Caroline County
University of Maryland

6:15 PM  Dinner- Provided by Baden Ladies Auxiliary
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Dr. Robert J. Kratochvil
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Agronomic Crop Production

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8:00 PM  Pesticide and Nutrient Management Update
Southern Maryland Ag Agents Team

8:30 PM  Evaluation and Adjourn

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