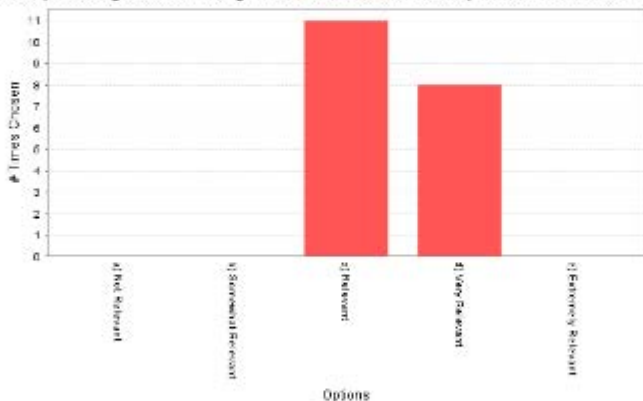


CEZD members, we would like to gather your feedback on the following signal: **New PRRS Strain Kills Sows, Piglets**. Please take the time to review the signal description below and provide us with your relevance rating and/or comments (name optional).

U.S. hog producers are facing another health challenge to their herds in the form of a familiar yet slightly different foe. The most recent strain (1-4-4) of the Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) virus is nothing producers have not seen before with PRRS, but it is more dramatic, resulting in higher rates of hog mortality, according to swine veterinarians. The new strain has only been around since last October and swine researchers don't have much information about how it operates. One thing they do know is biosecurity practices will be especially important as producers face this new PRRS strain. This virus has been found over a fairly large geographic area, mainly southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. In addition, the new strain has also been found in different production systems. It has been seen in sow farms and grower and finishing facilities. Article link: <https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/livestock/article/2021/02/08/prrs-strain-1-4-4-results-dramatic>



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a) Not Relevant	0
b) Somewhat Relevant	0
c) Relevant	11
d) Very Relevant	8
e) Extremely Relevant	0