

Pig Health – Clostridial Perfringens Infection

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Please circle one answer only e.g. **A**

Which of the following organisms are associated with piglet scour:

- A. Rotavirus
- B. E coli
- C. Clostridium perfringens type A
- D. All of these

Which of the following statements is true regarding Clostridium perfringens type C disease:

- A. It is only seen in outdoor situations
- B. It can cause sudden death
- C. It can only be treated symptomatically
- D. It causes a profuse watery scour

Where clostridial disease occurs in the indoor farrowing situation which of the following will help prevent disease?

- A. Washing sows prior to entry with soap and water
- B. Lime washing sows prior to entry
- C. Applying a flame gun to sows prior to entry
- D. Burning bedding

With respect to Clostridial disease outdoors, which of the following is true?

- A. It is only seen in pasture previously occupied by sheep
- B. Control includes burning of bedding
- C. Rats are the source of the infection
- D. Vaccination of sows against clostridial disease is an unnecessary cost

Disease generally has a cost to the farm . Which of the following is true with respect to Clostridial disease?

- A. The costs of an acute outbreak of Cl perfringens type C disease far outway the cost of a chronic low grade outbreak associated with Cl perfringens type A
- B. The costs of low grade Cl perfringens type A disease generally exceed those associated with an acute fatal outbreak associated with Cl perfringens type C
- C. All disease costs the same
- D. The cost in terms of pig welfare is irrelevant.

In the face of an acute outbreak of Cl perfringens type C which of the following treatments is appropriate?

- A. Wait to see affected piglets before treating each one
- B. Treat sows prior to farrowing with antibiotics
- C. Treat piglets at birth with antibiotics metaphylactically
- D. Treat piglets at birth with vaccine metaphylactically

Which of the following is true of Cl. Perfringens type A with respect to the cost of the disease?

- A. It causes no measurable loss
- B. The loss relates to increased mortality
- C. The effect of the disease is to limit growth rate by 6-7% or 40gm/day
- D. Cost of treatment outweighs the cost of the disease

Clostridium perfringens type C infection and disease can be prevented by:

- A. Vaccination of sow Prefarrowing

- B. Vaccination of piglets
- C. Antibiotic administration to sows prior to farrowing
- D. Use of probiotics in the sow

Clostridium perfringens type A infection and disease can be prevented by:

- A. Vaccination of piglets
- B. Antibiotic injection of piglets
- C. Use of specially imported vaccine in sows
- D. Feedback of scour material

Feedback of scour material should:

- A. Only be given to sows in early pregnancy
- B. Only be given to gilts in early pregnancy
- C. Be a standard procedure to prevent clostridial disease
- D. Only be applied under veterinary direction