

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BY ORDER OF:
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF SWINE INFLUENZA
IN THIS STATE

ORDER# 06-2017
AUTHORITY: Agriculture
Articles, 3-101 *et seq.*,
Annotated Code of Maryland
Effective September 19, 2017


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ORDER OF THE SECRETARY
GOVERNING THE EXHIBITION AND OTHER REALATED SWINE
ACTIVITIES AT THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND CALVERT
COUNTY FAIRS

WIHEREAS, Swine Influenza a highly contagious and infectious disease was recently diagnosed in swine being exhibited at the Charles County Fair;

WHEREAS, to protect the health of swine in the Tri-County region of Maryland, the Secretary of Agriculture has determined that it is necessary to take prompt action.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Agriculture Article, §§ 3-101 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, on this 19th day of September 2017, hereby **ORDERS**:

- A. Closure of Swine Activities: The St. Mary's County Fair opening September 21, 2017 to September 24, 2017 and the Calvert County Fair opening September 27, 2017 to October 1, 2017 shall be closed for all swine exhibitions and any other activities involving swine, including but not limited to pig races.
- B. Duration. This Order takes effect immediately and shall be effective for the remainder for the duration of the 2017 St. Mary's County and Calvert County Fairs.
- C. Violations. A person who violates this Order is subject to criminal and administrative penalties as provided under Maryland law. In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture may impose a quarantine order on any swine premise found in this State in violation of this Order.
- D. Contact Person. If a person affected by this Order has questions, the person may contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (410) 841-5810.


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