

# PEDV Can be Carried in Feed New Research Suggests

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**US - Recently released research conducted by Pipestone Veterinary Services and South Dakota State University and reported in BMC Veterinary Research, confirms feed can be a carrier of the virus.**

However, it is important to note that being a carrier of the virus does not mean that feed is the source. The prevalence of the **disease** on an infected farm can contaminate many items.

A statement by Richard Sellers, Senior Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, American Feed **Industry** Association, regarding PEDV Feed Research said: "The American Feed Industry Association strongly supports research that provides accurate information pertaining to porcine epidemic diarrhea virus, a challenge currently facing US swine production.

"There are still many unknowns related to the outbreak of the virus, and AFIA's goal is to work with industry partners, swine producers, veterinarians and the government to conduct and evaluate research to better understand the cause and transmission routes of PEDV.

As a step to find answers, AFIA and industry partner, the Institute for Feed Education & Research, pledged \$100,000 to the National Pork Board in May of this year."

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