

Lawsonia intracellularis Testing

ABOUT: *Lawsonia intracellularis* is the bacterium that causes ileitis, a common intestinal disease in pigs. It reduces feed efficiency, slows growth, and can cause sudden deaths in severe cases.

SYMPTOMS: Pigs may show soft, watery diarrhea, reduced appetite, poor weight gain, and in some cases, sudden death from intestinal bleeding.

PREVENTION: Reduce stress, maintain consistent feed supply, and practice all-in/all-out pig flow.

GETTING TESTED: The *Lawsonia* antibody test detects prior exposure, helping identify infections that may impact herd performance. Collect at least 2 ml of blood in a serum collection (clot activator) tube, refrigerate, and ship with an ice pack.

Lawsonia samples are processed and results reported on Thursday.

