

Dear producer,

## Are you interested in improving the productivity and profit of your pigs?

**BPEX is launching the National Pig Health Improvement Project (PHIP) which will complement the existing schemes Eastern Pig Health (EPH), Yorkshire Humberside Health (YHH) and East Midlands Pig Health (EMPH). These schemes could help lower your production costs and improve the efficiency of your business.**

**PHIP aims to reduce the prevalence of Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome, Enzootic Pneumonia, Swine Dysentery and Mange on a regional scale, alongside raising the biosecurity awareness of the whole chain in an effort to improve national health status and protect the future of British pig production.**

Expected gains from the project include:

- Improved herd health within individual farms and across the regions
- Potential reduction in production costs (up to £8/pig)
- Improved sustainability of pig production
- One step closer to eradication of some diseases
- Access to the freshest information on how to tackle health and biosecurity issues from supporting veterinarians and consultants
- Improved regional producer relationships
- Benefit from the knowledge and experiences of other producers
- Access online maps of your region showing the location of pigs and their health status, allowing you to effectively plan health improvement programmes.

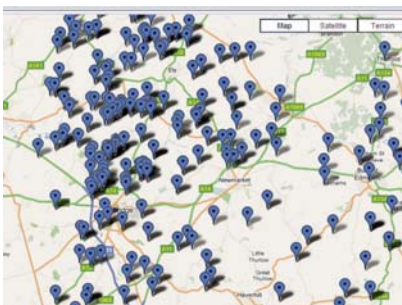
**Further to this, members of all schemes are entitled to free BPEX Pig Health Scheme (BPHS) membership.**

BPHS provides its members with regular detailed post mortem health assessments of their pigs when submitted to participating abattoirs across England. The scheme enables you and your vet to assess the health condition of your stock and monitor this on a regular basis. Please sign up using the form included in this booklet.

**Please note that BPHS results are only collected from finishing pigs at slaughter, therefore, breeding only sites are not eligible for reports.**



Please read, sign and return the Terms and Conditions included in this mailing to sign up for these great free benefits.



### Option 1

Access the online mapping service, showing the location and biosecurity status of pig units.



### Option 2

See the disease status of four key diseases for other farms sharing the same information. This information will be aggregated for an area of a minimum of five units.

Members of Eastern Pig Health (EPH) or Yorkshire Humberside Health (YHH) will need to sign these PHIP terms and conditions to continue their membership and receive the additional benefits. Members of East Midlands Pig Health (EMPH) are already aligned with PHIP so do not need to rejoin. All producers in the regions listed below who haven't previously joined a scheme can sign these PHIP terms and conditions to join.

**Eastern Pig Health** • Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Peterborough, Luton, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock • **East Midlands Pig Health** • Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Derbyshire and Northamptonshire • **Yorkshire Humberside Health** • Yorkshire and Humberside

**If you have any questions regarding any of the health schemes, please contact us on 02476 478 799 or email [helen.clarke@bpex.ahdb.org.uk](mailto:helen.clarke@bpex.ahdb.org.uk)**



## Terms and Conditions to sign up to the Pig Health Improvement Project

Please sign the appropriate sections of this form and return to BPEX.

This applies in relation to the production sites listed below on this date until further notice. I hereby confirm that I either:

- 1 Own the pigs and the production sites specified
- 2 Own the pigs and have permission from the owner of the production site or
- 3 Am authorised by the owner of the pigs and any partners (who have the permission of the owner of the production site to sign this document) to sign this document on their behalf.

### Option 1 • Vet Survey and Biosecurity Audit

I hereby consent to and authorise any veterinary surgeon from the veterinary practice named below to complete a biosecurity audit for the specified production site(s) and the status of the specified production site(s) at each quarterly visit for:

- Enzootic Pneumonia (EP)
- Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS)
- Swine Dysentery (SD)
- Mange

I understand that other specified relevant production and health data may also be supplied on a voluntary basis. For SD, I agree that any veterinary surgeon of the specified veterinary practice may disclose confirmed SD cases to BPEX as soon as is practically possible.

I understand that all data will be disclosed to the BPEX division of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) or any agent of BPEX acting on their behalf. I hereby consent to and authorise BPEX to display the physical location of my individual production sites on an on-line map (without identifying ownership) as well as details on production type. I understand that this data will be used by BPEX for analytical research purposes and will not be shared with any third parties unless as required by law.

I further agree to allow BPEX to share the boundaries of good biosecurity and disease free areas to members of the allied industries (feed merchants, haulage services, deadstock collectors). I understand that this will not include individual unit locations and will not share any information specific to my unit(s) but rather will be integrated with the information of other registered members of the scheme to allow BPEX to inform allied industries of areas which require adherence to higher biosecurity principles than standard practice. (This should help to improve biosecurity practice across the industry and allow for more efficient and cost effective working by all sectors).

### Option 2 • Disease and Biosecurity Mapping Service

By ticking the box below, I request access to the disease mapping service and understand that by doing so I agree to other registered disease mapping service users being able to access my health status information for EP, mange, PRRS and SD and my weighted biosecurity score on an aggregated status for an area of a minimum of 5 units.

I understand that any information shown on the online mapping will only be visible to other registered producer and vet members of PHIP who have also authorised disclosure and who have provided the same information.

I further understand and accept that scheme managers of PHIP and certain BPEX staff will have access to this data for analytical and management purposes.

**I wish to sign up for Option 1** (vet survey and biosecurity audit, unit locations map)

**I wish to sign up for Options 1 + 2** (vet survey, biosecurity audit, disease and biosecurity mapping service)

Lastly, in joining PHIP I agree to work in collaboration with my fellow members of the pig production and allied industries to enhance the overall health, welfare and sustainability of the pig sector. I understand that by registering I am accepting these Terms and Conditions. I also understand that I may opt out at any stage but by doing so will relinquish access to the online map offered by PHIP.



### BPEX Pig Health Scheme (BPHS)

Unless I opt out of receiving my free BPHS reports (by ticking the box below) I agree to the following:

Under the Data Protection Act 2000, I confirm that BPEX may release BPHS reports only relating to pigs from my unit. I understand and agree to my health score reports being issued by BPEX to my vet, the abattoir where the pigs were slaughtered and to the sponsors of BPHS as condition of participating in the scheme.

I wish to **opt-out** of receiving my free BPHS reports

**I accept the Terms and Conditions laid out in this document and opt in/out to the sections above as indicated**

Business name: .....

Status:  
*Owner of pigs/Partner of owner of pigs/Unit Manager/Unit owner/Agent/Other (specify):* .....

Address and postcode of primary unit: .....  
.....  
.....

Contact telephone number (*inc. mobile*): .....

Contact email: .....

Veterinary practice (*Nominated vet and address*): .....  
.....  
.....

Slapmark of unit(s): .....

Signed: .....

Print name: .....

Date: .....

**Please return all pages of this form to BPEX at the following address:**

Database Manager  
BPEX Division of AHDB  
Stoneleigh Park  
Kenilworth  
Warwickshire  
CV8 2TL

# Units to be registered

Scheme no.	Unit name	Address	Holding no.	Herd mark	Production type

**Please return all pages of this form to BPEX at the following address:**

Database Manager  
BPEX Division of AHDB  
Stoneleigh Park  
Kenilworth  
Warwickshire CV8 2TL

The Pig Health Improvement Project is co-funded by the Rural Development Programme for England and Defra. While the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board, operating through its BPEX division, seeks to ensure that the information contained within this document is accurate at the time of printing, no warranty is given in respect thereof and, to the maximum extent permitted by law the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury howsoever caused (including that caused by negligence) or suffered directly or indirectly in relation to information and opinions contained in or omitted from this document.  
© 2011 Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB). All rights reserved.  
BPEX is a division of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board