



# Control del PRRS

## Experiencia Danesa y puntos de aprendizaje

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## Danaerous new PRRS virus strain in Spain

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Rosalía is known to have a high mortality rate in sow herds, leading to significant economic impact. The PRRS 360 Beyond prevention logo is visible.

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# Productive and economic impact of two PRRS increased virulence outbreaks within a swine farm in Spain

In the fi  
150 sow



in X

Publication of Alberto García Flores et al. in the IPVS 2024

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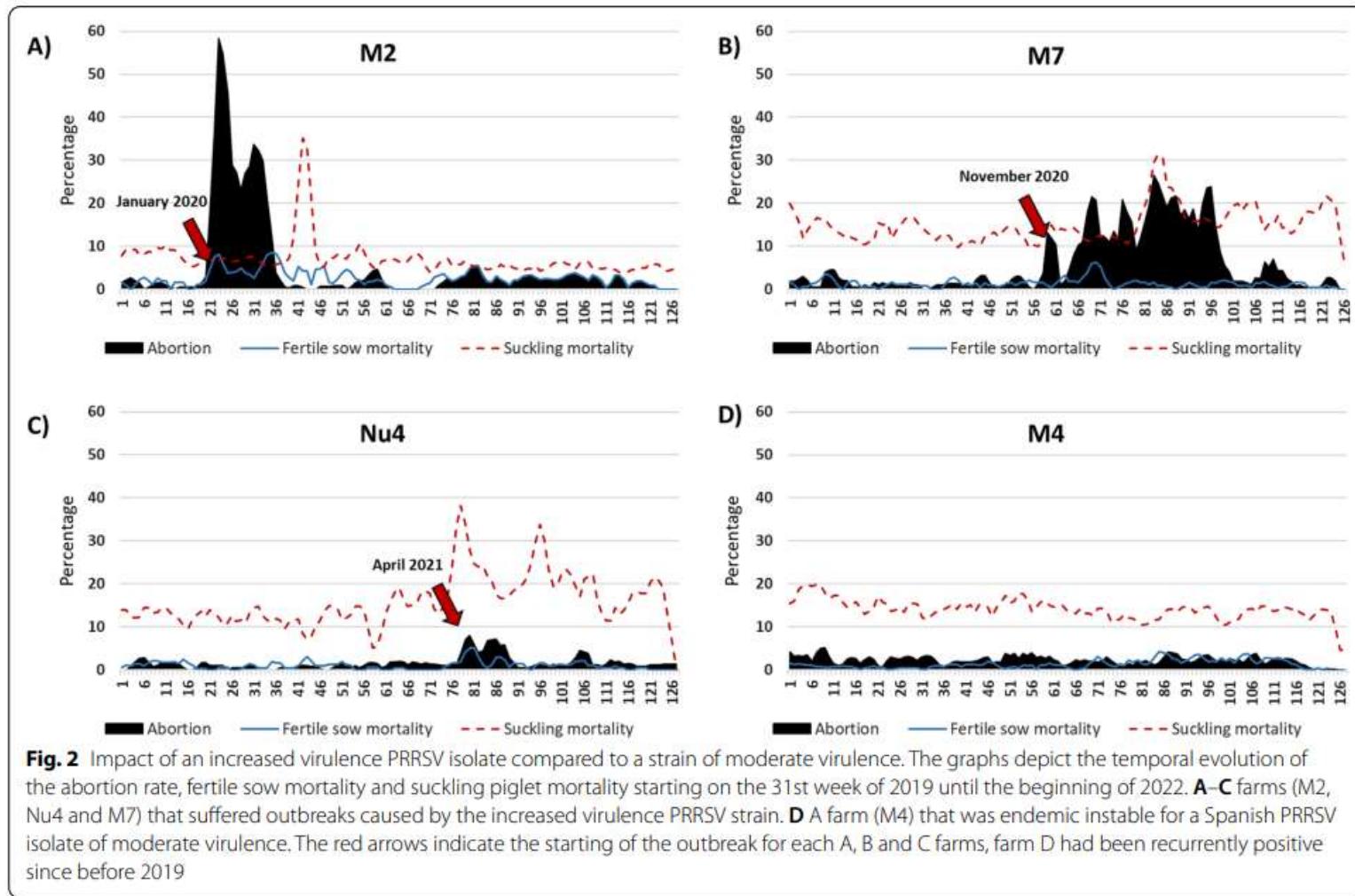
RS virus, known as the 'Rosalía' variant, has been circulating in Spain for the past three years. It is leading to increased mortality and stillbirth rates. The situation is causing a significant increase in PRRS-affected

## Introduction

Starting in 2020 in Northeastern Spain, a mosaic PRRSv strain has since been circulating in the country. Commonly known as "Rosalía", it has caused outbreaks of a severity never previously described in Spain. It has been estimated that 18 million pigs have been impacted by Rosalia, characterized by abortion storms in sow herds, sow mortality, stillbirths, high mortality in suckling piglets and weaners<sup>1</sup>. Measuring changes in farm productivity before and after PRRS infection allows quantification of the impact of the



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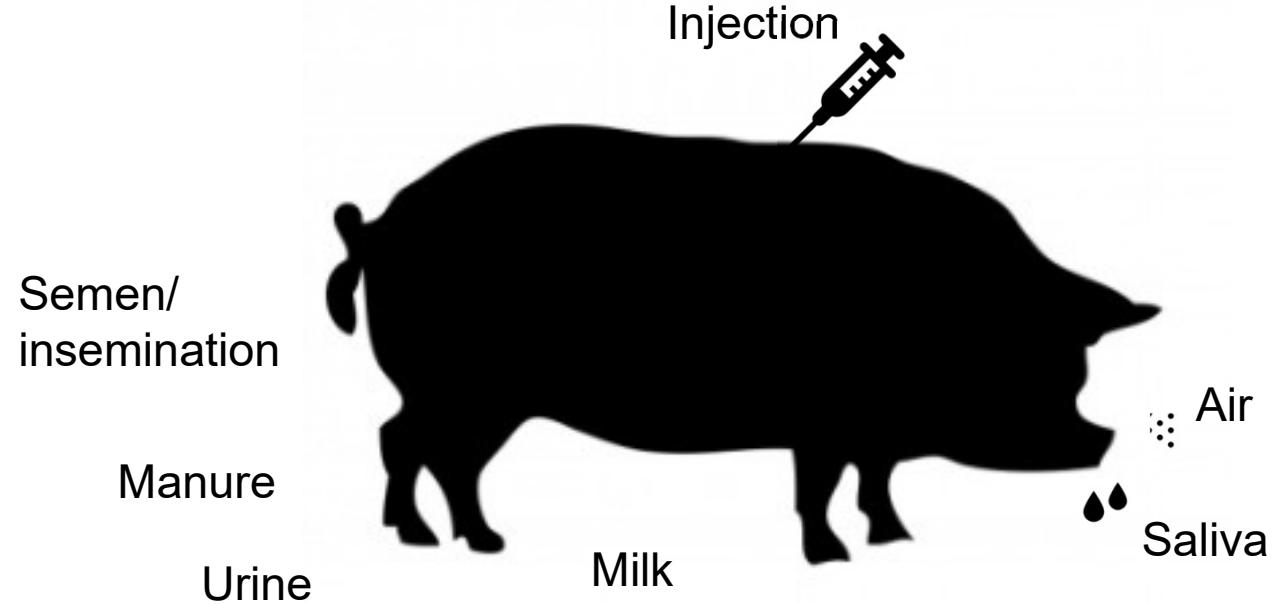
**Fig. 2** Impact of an increased virulence PRRSV isolate compared to a strain of moderate virulence. The graphs depict the temporal evolution of the abortion rate, fertile sow mortality and suckling piglet mortality starting on the 31st week of 2019 until the beginning of 2022. **A–C** farms (M2, Nu4 and M7) that suffered outbreaks caused by the increased virulence PRRSV strain. **D** A farm (M4) that was endemic unstable for a Spanish PRRSV isolate of moderate virulence. The red arrows indicate the starting of the outbreak for each A, B and C farms, farm D had been recurrently positive since before 2019

Martín-Valls et al., 2023

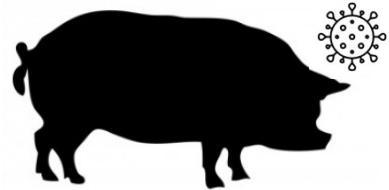
# Agenda

1. PRRS in general
2. The Danish PRRS control programme
3. New PRRS cases
4. PRRS eradication on sow farms

## How is PRRS transmitted



# How is PRRS transmitted between farms?



Air: 5,8 km

(Kvisgaard et al., 2019)

Manure: Up to 14 days (4°C)

(Mesa et al., 2024)



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## STRATEGY FOR THE REDUCTION OF PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (PRRS) IN PIGS IN DENMARK



The Danish Veterinary Association

Minister for Food,  
Agriculture and Fisheries

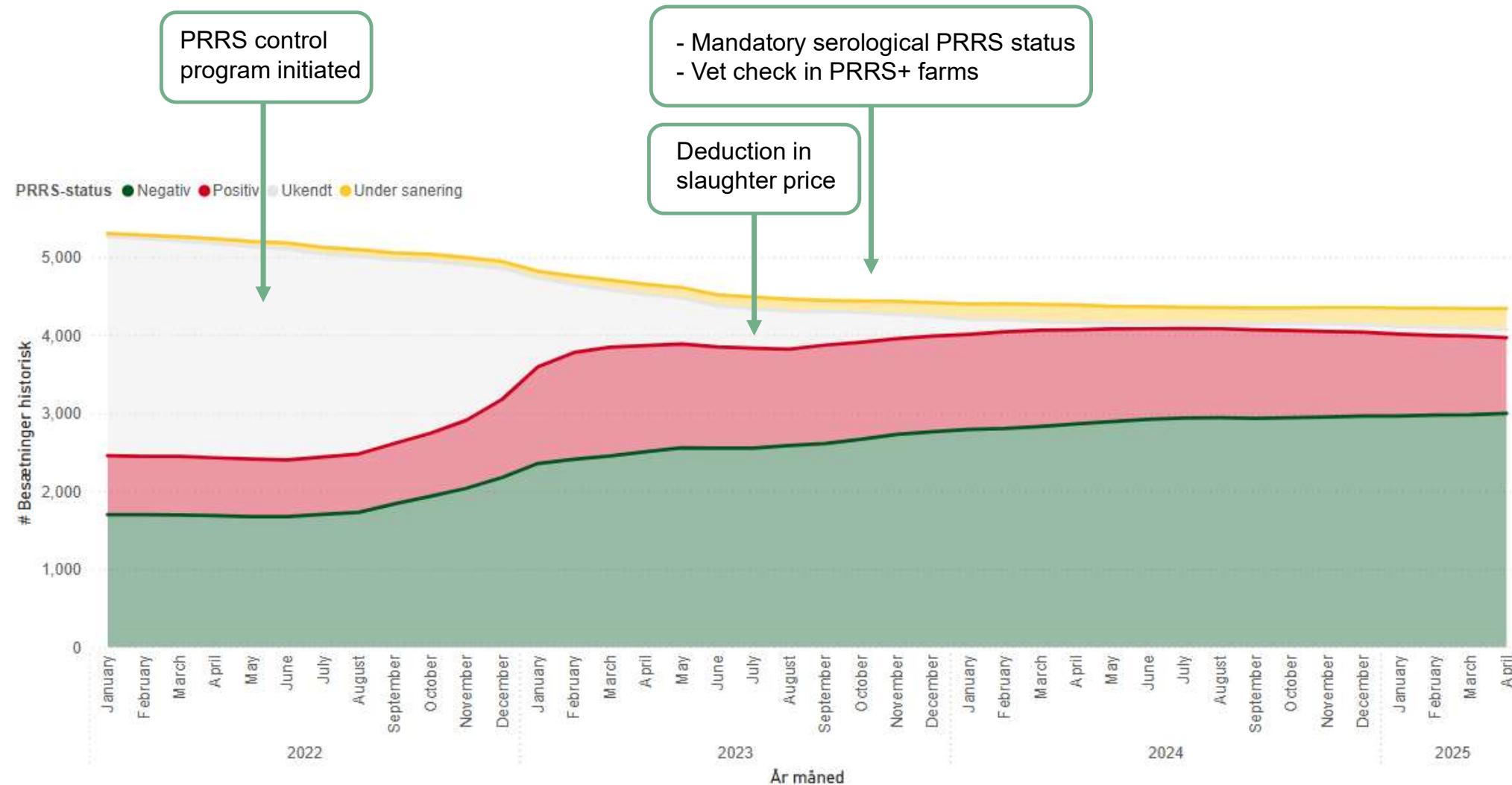
# The Danish PRRS control programme 2022

## Pigs in Denmark

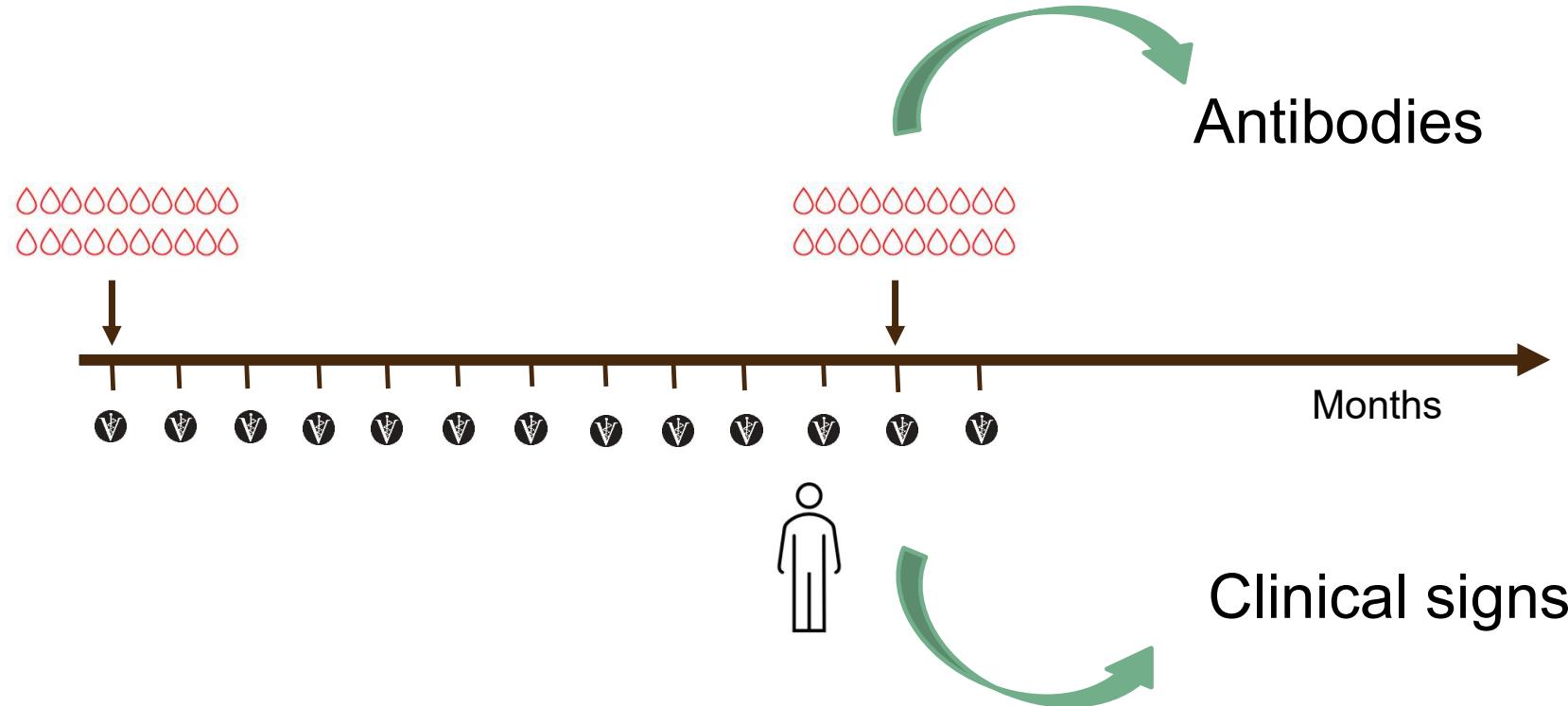
- 30 mill pigs produced
  - 16.5 mill exported
  - 13.5 mill slaughtered

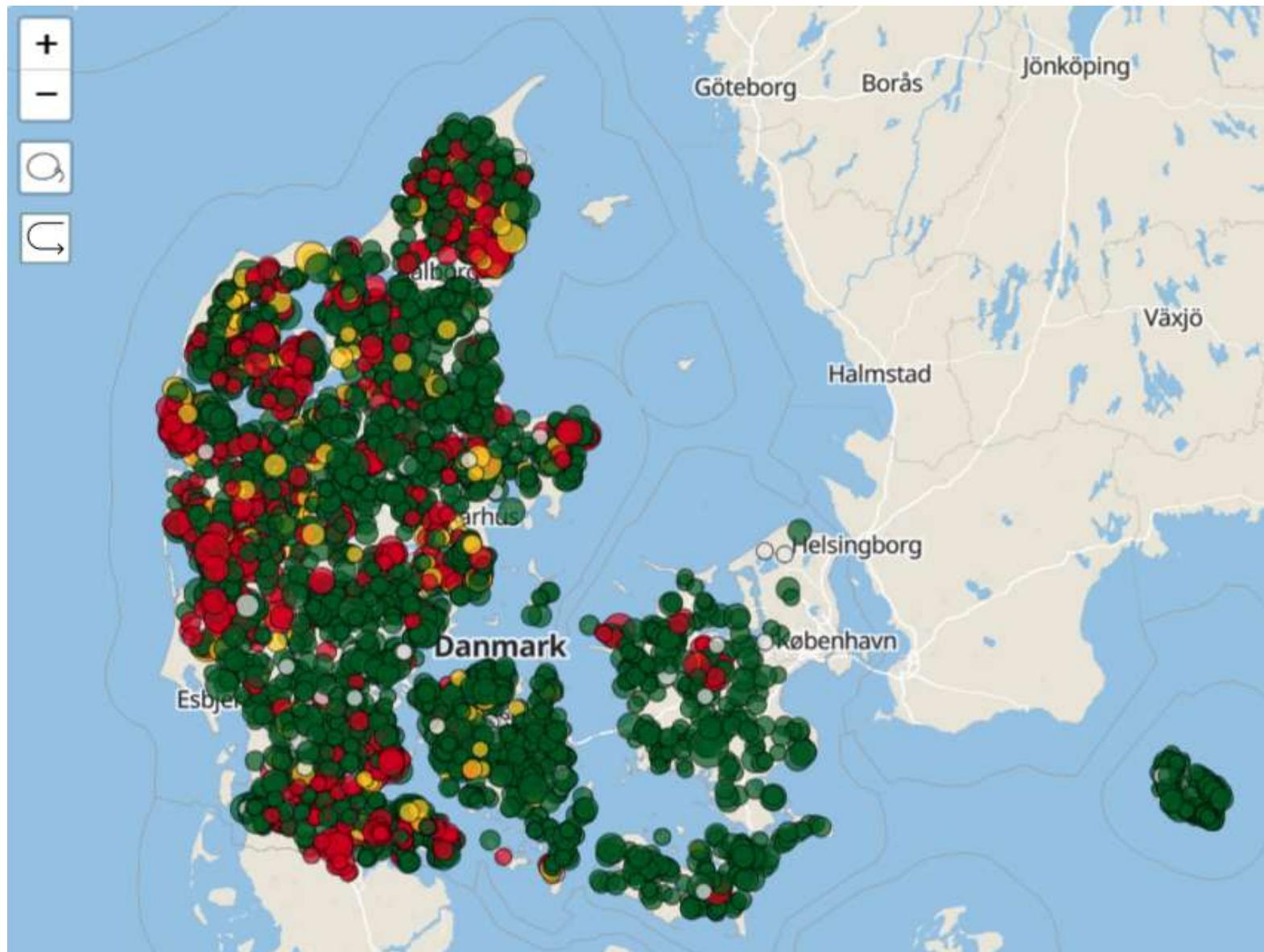
No pigs imported!





## Surveillance – PRRS status

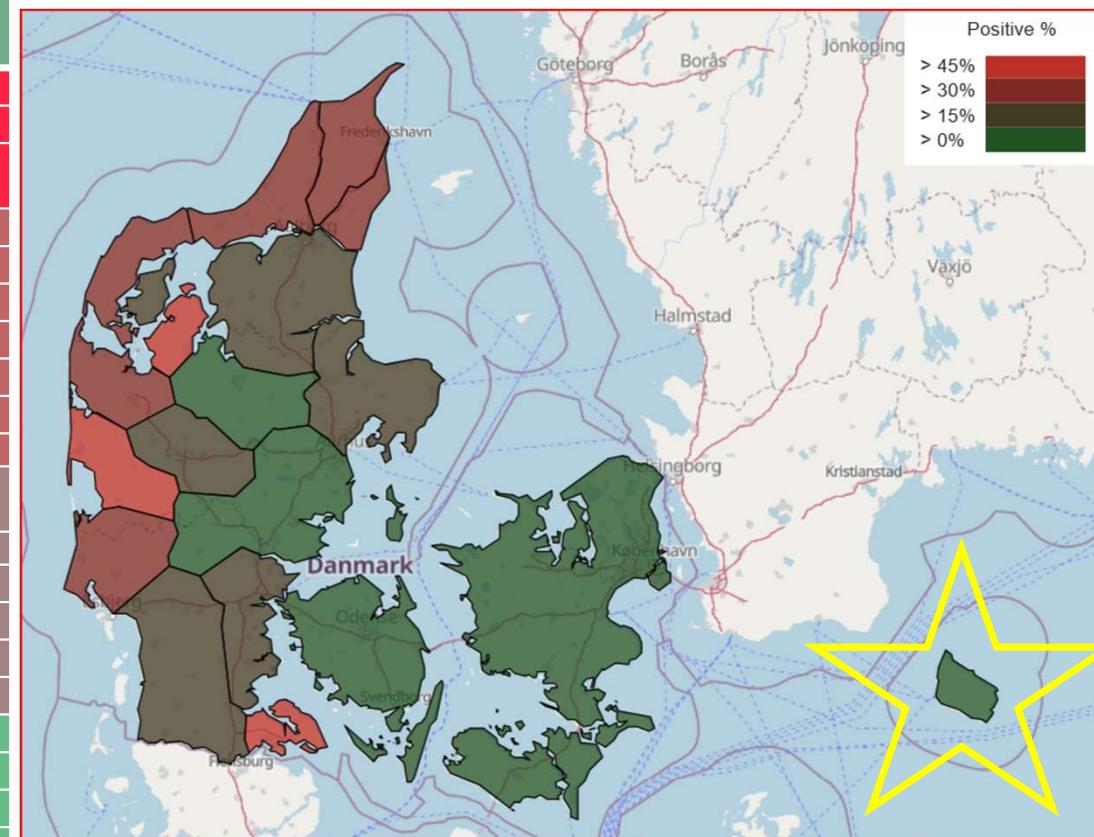




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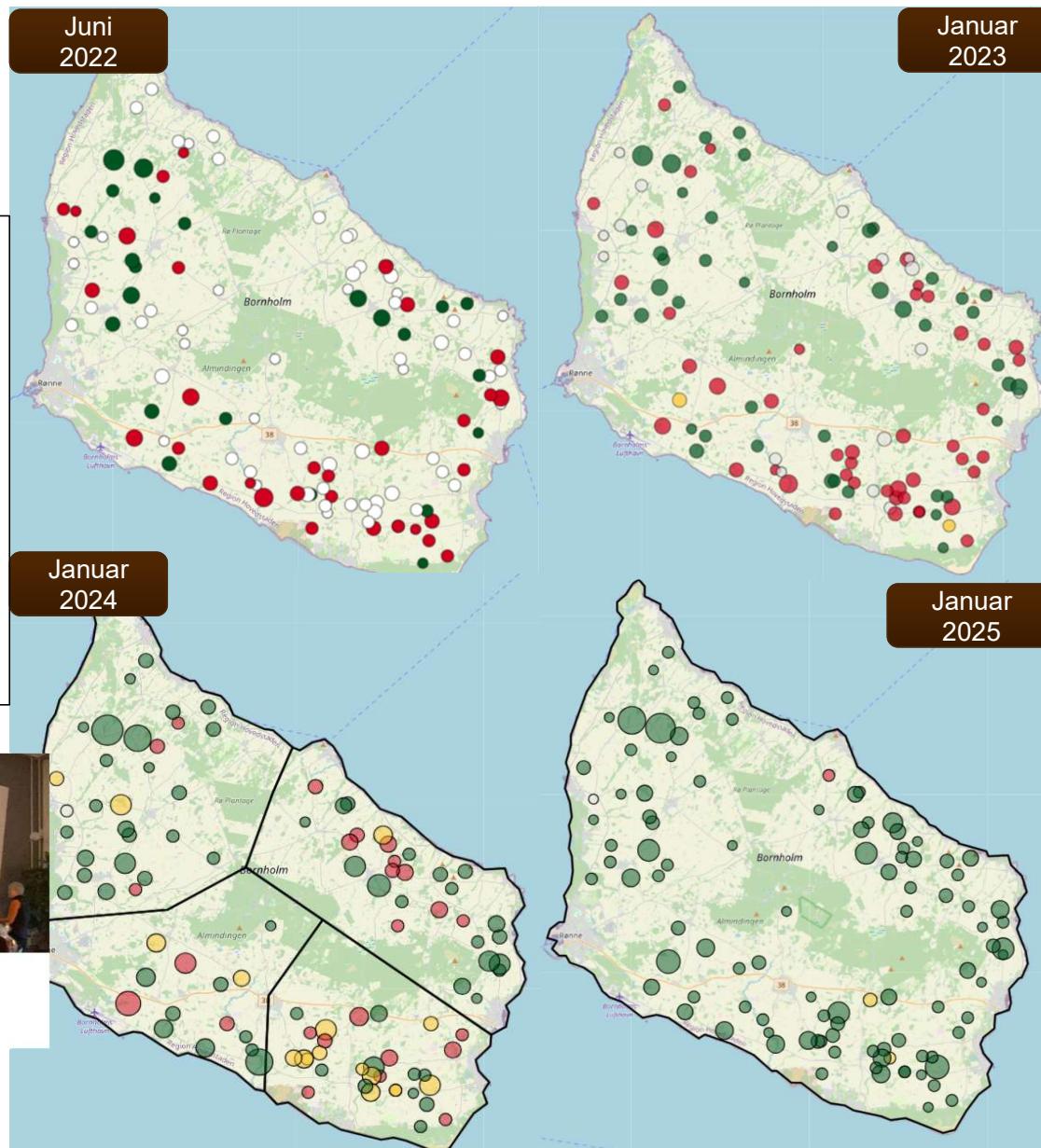
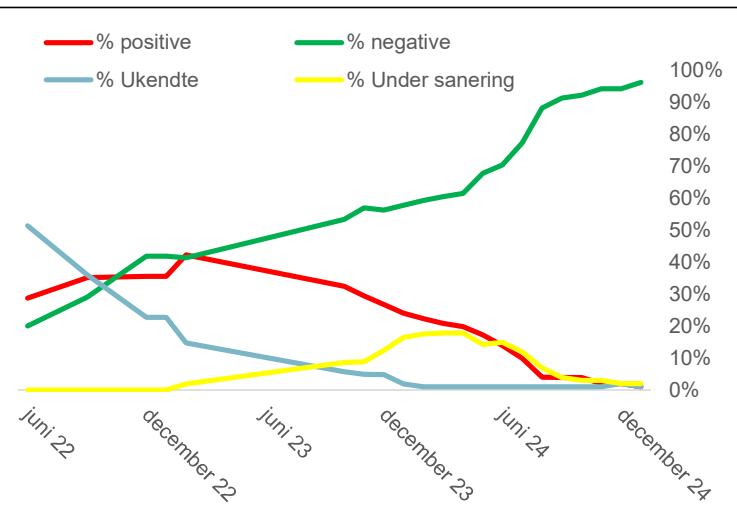
## Regional udbredelse af PRRS maj 2025

Region	Antal besætninger	Positive sohold	% positive besætninger
Salling	122	18	63%
Sundeved/Als	188	23	48%
Ringkøbing/Skjern	179	25	46%
Vest-Vendsyssel	151	12	38%
Varde	105	12	39%
Øst-Vendsyssel	82	8	32%
Lemvig	177	15	32%
Midt-Vendsyssel	227	20	32%
Herning/Videbæk	170	14	29%
Thy	160	12	31%
Vest-Sønderjylland	319	20	27%
Haderslev	229	20	25%
Mors	113	12	26%
Djursland	256	12	18%
Østjylland	356	12	15%
Himmerland	299	19	16%
Viborg	183	6	9%
Østlige Øer	376	7	5%
Fyn	458	2	2%
Bornholm	102	0	0%
Samsø	6	0	0%
I alt	272		23%



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Danish Agriculture & Food Council

# Bornholm



**HISTORISK BEDRIFT:**  
BORNHOLM ER FRI FOR PRRS

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***Cooperation between farmers  
was key to succeed with the eradication of PRRS  
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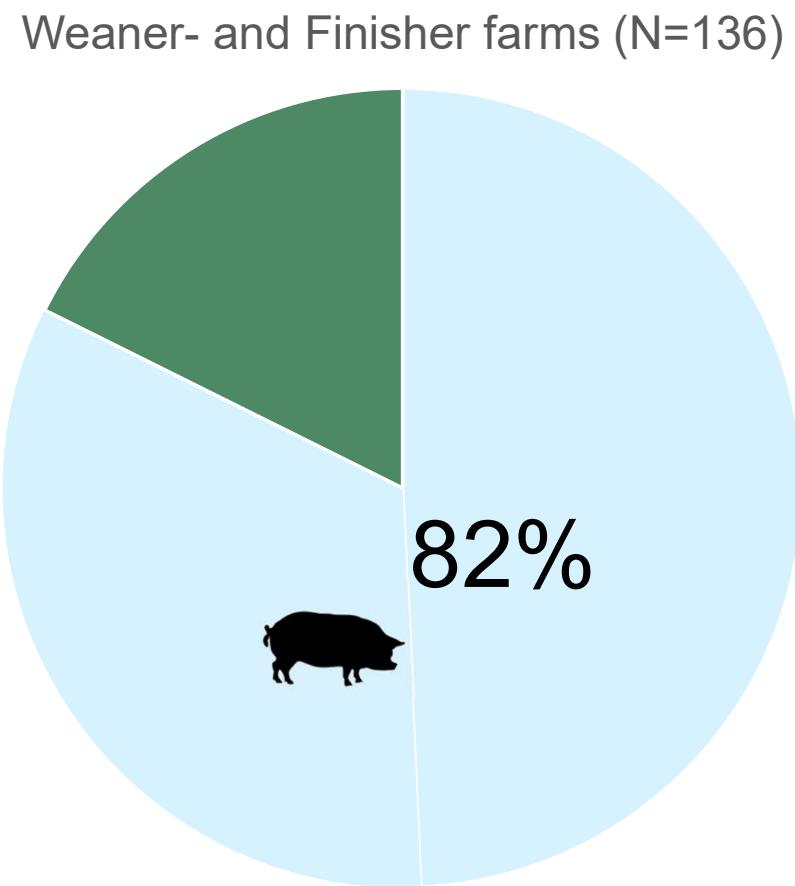
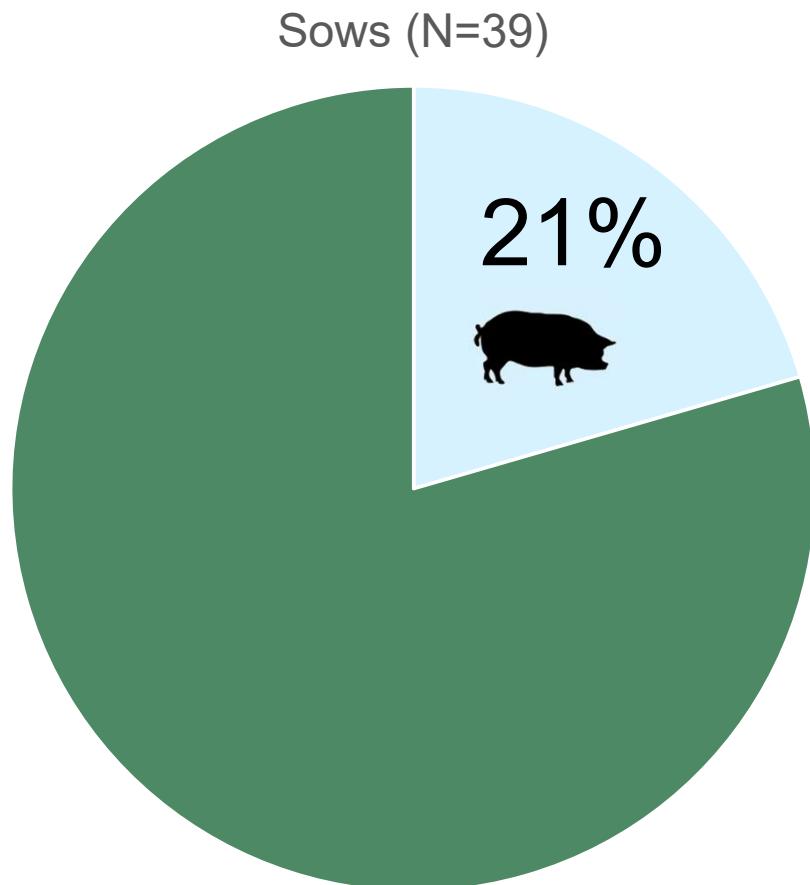


**New  
PRRS cases**

## New PRRS cases in 2023

- Sow farms – 39 cases/788 farms – 6% incidence
- Weaner and finisher farms – 136 cases/1,151 farms – 12% incidence

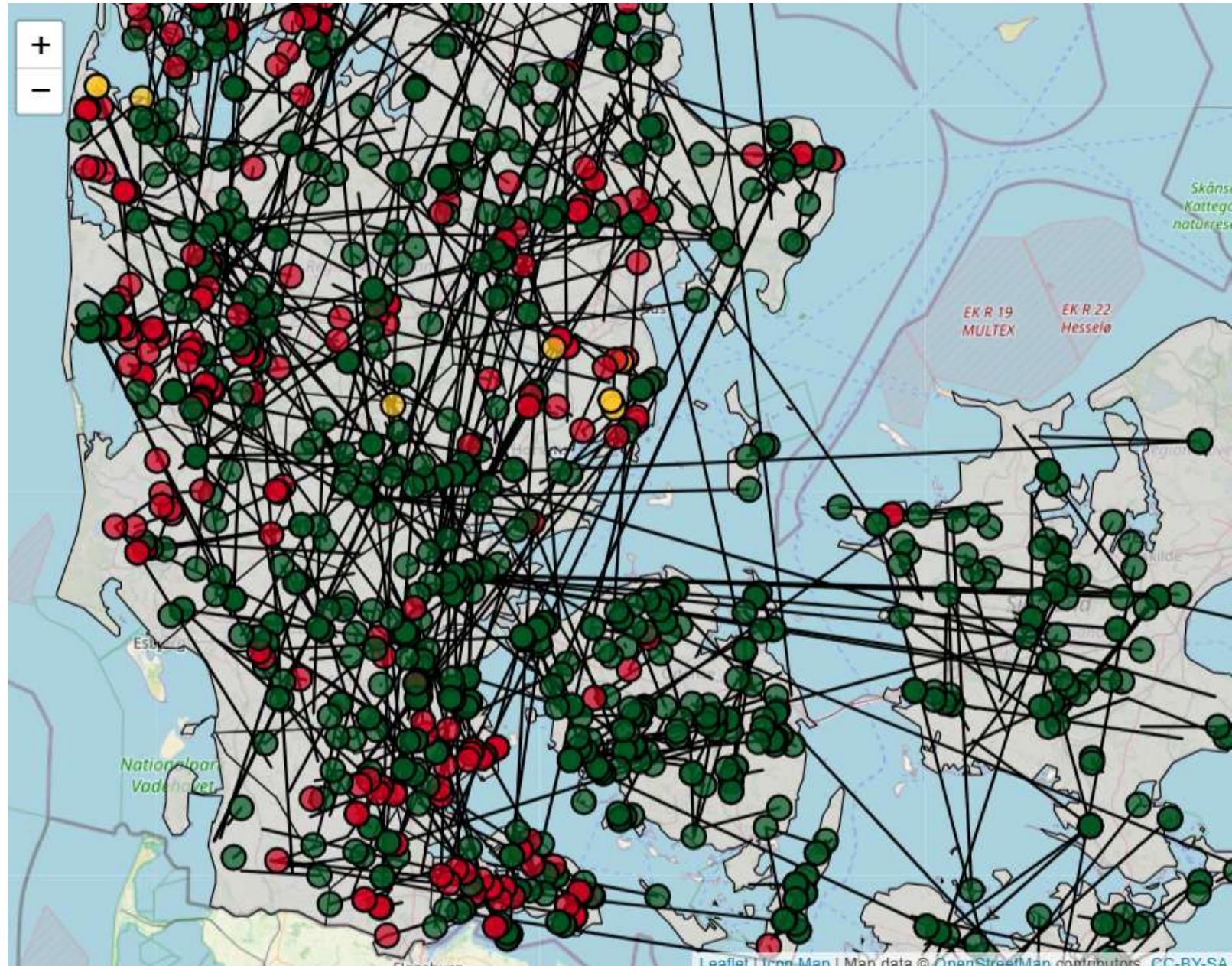
## Causes of infection – 2023 cases



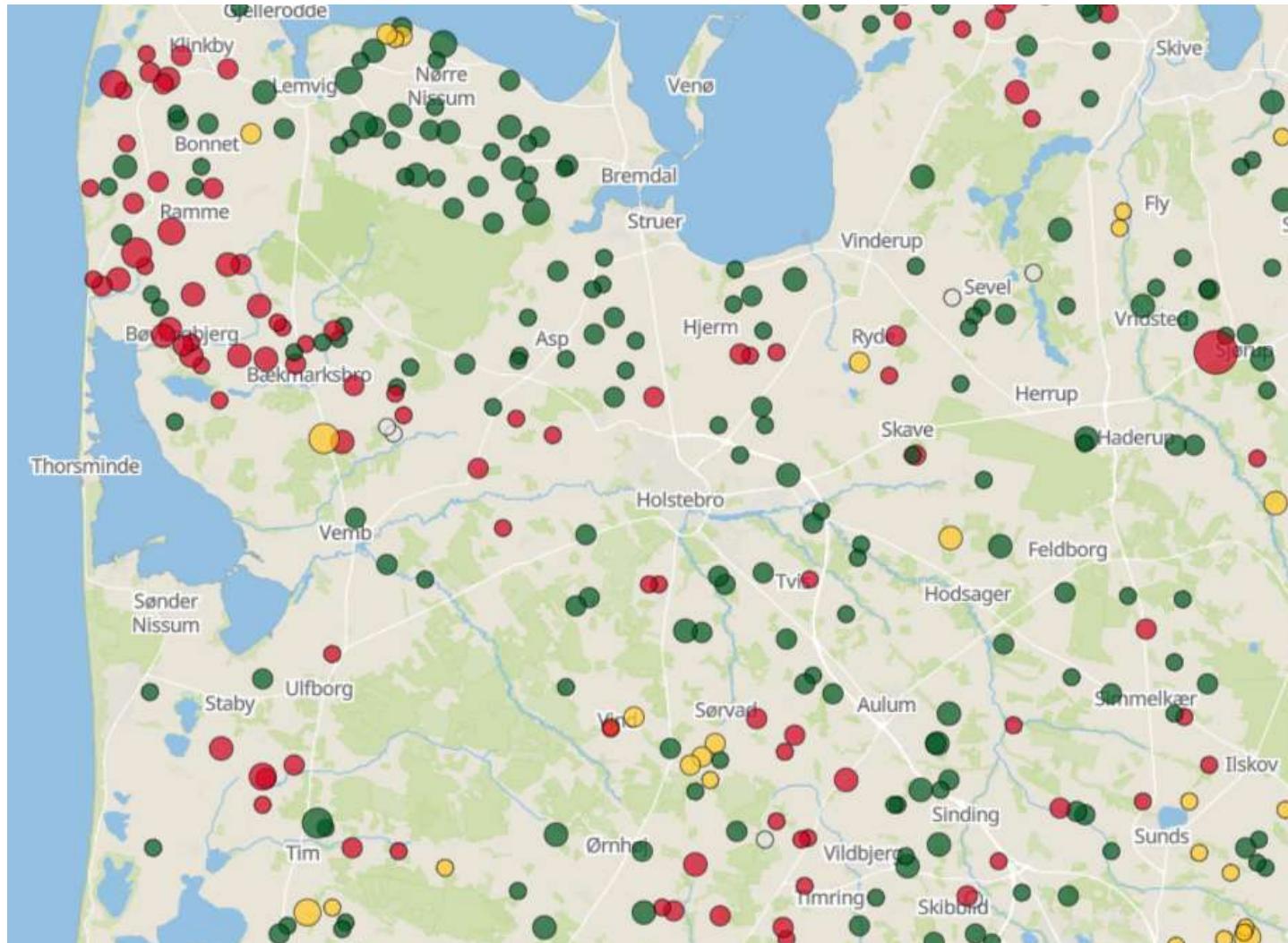
# Trucks

300.000  
movements of live  
pigs in 2023

Movements from  
2 weeks →



# Distance to PRRS-positive neighbors



4 times higher risk for sow farms becoming PRRS-positive if neighbors were located within 5 km radius, compared to no neighbors

# *Movement of pigs and PRRS positive neighbors*

*Know the PRRS status of pigs which are moved  
Cooperate with neighbours*



**PRRS Eradication  
on sow farms**

# PRRS eradication on Danish sow farms

## Partial depopulation

- Load
- Close
- Homogenize
- McRebel
- AASV guidelines

1 year or more  
Continued production

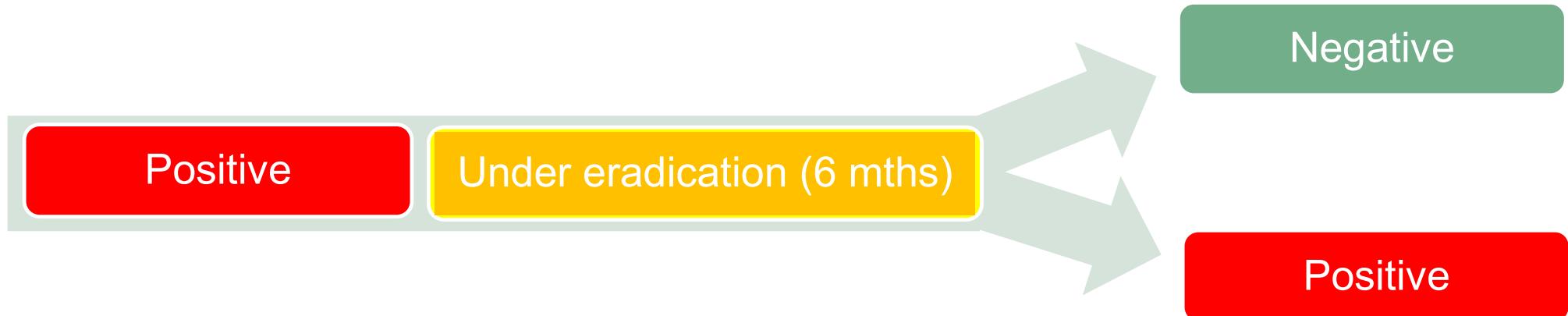
## Total depop / repop

- All pigs removed
- Clean and disinfect
- Downtime (min 7 days)
- Seronegative gilts introduced

2 weeks  
Discontinued production - expensive

# PRRS eradication on Danish sow farms

Jan 2020 – Mar 2024



## PRRS eradication on Danish sow farms

	Sum	PRRS1	PRRS2	PRRS1+PRRS2
All eradication	207	99	71	37
Partial eradication	159 (76.8%)	82 (82.8%)	53 (74.6%)	24 (64.9%)
Depop / repop	48 (23.2%)	17 (17.2%)	18 (25.4%)	13 (35.1%)

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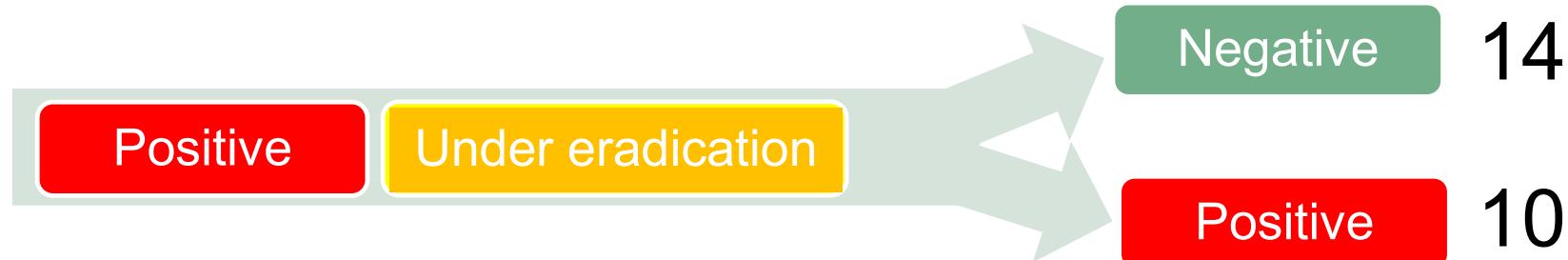
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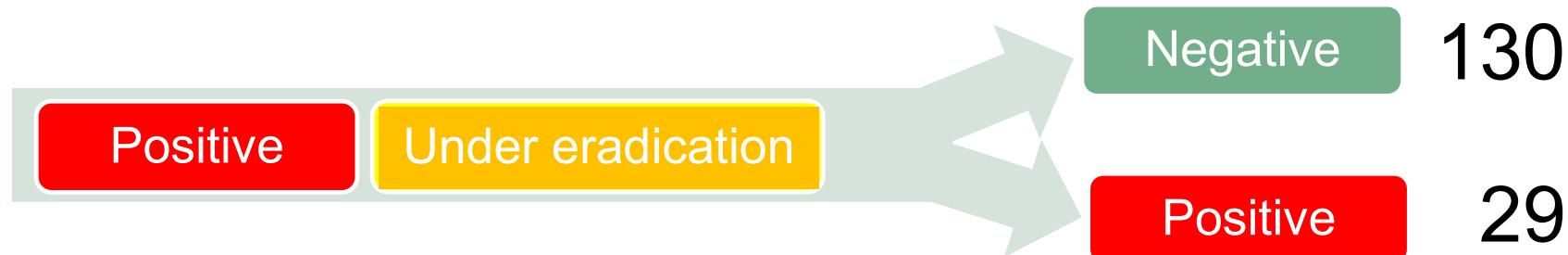
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# Antimicrobial prescriptions for sows before and after a PRRS eradication

Total amount of AMU prescribed	2,34 [0,03:10,72] (n= 161) <sup>5</sup>	2,15 [0,04:10,34] (n= 148) <sup>6</sup>
<b>10 – Reproduction</b>	0,48 [0:1,55] (n = 120)	0,40* [0,01:1,23] (n= 120)
<b>11 – Udder</b>	0,49 [0:1,34] (n= 68)	0,36 [0,01:1,67] (n= 68)
<b>12 – Gastrointestinal disorders</b>	0,17 [0:6,61] (n= 139)	0,13* [0:1,32] (n= 128)
<b>13 – Respiratory disorders</b>	0,34 [0:8,48] (n= 110)	0,38 [0,01:3,73] (n= 113)
<b>14 – Joints, limbs, hoofs, CNS, skin</b>	1,12 [0,01:2,92] (n= 161)	0,99* [0:2,72] (n= 159)
<b>15 - Metabolic and circulatory disorders</b>	0,02 [0,01:1] (n= 5)	0,12 [0:0,3] (n= 9)

*Significant reduction in antimicrobials prescribed for sows in PRRS eradicated farms*

*On-farm eradication of  
PRRS need strict  
compliance to succeed*

# Learnings from the Danish PRRS control programme

- Cooperation between farmers was key to succeed with the eradication of PRRS on the island of Bornholm
- Movement of pigs and distance to PRRS positive neighbours are the main causes of new PRRS infections in Denmark → to combat PRRS it is necessary to:
  - Know the PRRS status of pigs that are moved
  - Cooperate with neighbours
- On-farm eradication of PRRS need strict compliance to succeed



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# Overvågning ved sanering for PRRS i sohold

