

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MICROBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF FOOD

***Salmonella*, *Toxoplasma*, Hepatitis E virus, *Yersinia*, Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome virus, antimicrobial resistance in *Campylobacter* and Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase *E. coli* in UK pigs at slaughter**

1. Animal Health and Veterinary laboratories Agency (AHVLA) recently carried out a baseline survey of *Salmonella*, *Toxoplasma*, Hepatitis E virus, *Yersinia*, PRRSV, antimicrobial resistance in *Campylobacter* and Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamase *E. coli* in UK pigs at slaughter.
2. This study was initiated by Defra and co-funded with the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, the Food Standards Agency, Public Health England and the British Pig Executive.
3. Research was co-ordinated and led by AHVLA. Samples were collected by FSA and the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and laboratory examination was undertaken at several AHVLA Regional Laboratories, as well as Public Health England and Public Health Wales.
4. Tanya Cheney and Steve Wyllie (AHVLA) will give a presentation to ACMSF members summarising key findings of the study.
5. An abridged version of the final project report is available on the Defra website with an executive summary of all results. These can be found at:

<http://goo.gl/PSQucT>

6. Members are invited to comment on the findings of this study.

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