



Mummified Litter

All from one Red Wattle litter.

Piglets appear to have died at different stages of gestation.

No known cause at this time but appears to be caused by disease. Many viruses or infections can cause this, however at the time no testing was done.

This case is *believed* to be caused by the Porcine Parvovirus Infection, or PPV, or simply Parvo. If further testing can be completed we can narrow down the cause(s).

The Parvo infection begins in the reproductive organs when pregnant and affects each embryo or piglet as it progresses in severity. This is why you see mummies at different stages.

After around 70 days in utero, the piglets develop their own immunity system that can help to fight off the infection or virus.

This was a litter of 10. The last two piglets are healthy, normal, and continue to survive and thrive.

Additional information on PPV may be found on “The Pig Site”.