

▶ STOP AFRICAN SWINE FEVER.



Know the signs

If your pigs show any of the following signs, you should contact your local veterinarian:

- ▶ Fever
- ▶ Loss of appetite/weight
- ▶ Loss of energy
- ▶ Vomiting
- ▶ Diarrhoea
- ▶ Redness of the skin

What is African swine fever?

African swine fever (ASF) is a highly contagious viral disease that affects wild boar and domestic pigs but poses **no threat to humans**. However, the virus can have devastating economic consequences for affected countries. The disease has spread across the European Union since 2014, when it was first found in wild boar, and spread to four Member States within the same year.

There are currently **no vaccines** for this virus, so **prevention is vital** to try to stop the spread of the disease and protect national economies.

At risk



Not at risk



How can ASF affect you?

As a farmer, the presence of ASF on your farm would lead to financial losses due to the death of your animals. The country's agricultural sector could also be damaged by trading restrictions imposed on food products and livestock by non-affected countries.

As a hunter, the presence of ASF in your country heavily reduces the population of feral pigs. Drastic measures such as a complete ban on hunting in certain areas could be imposed to curb the epidemic.

The disease can be easily spread through direct contact between infected pigs or boar; indirect contact through ingestion of contaminated food such as food waste, feed, or rubbish; bites from infected ticks; and contact with contaminated equipment such as clothing, farming equipment, and vehicles.

Between 2016 and June 2020

1.3 million pigs were lost to ASF in Europe

(Source: oie.int)



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To help stop the virus spreading, follow these simple measures:



You are a hunter

- ▶ Do not approach a boar that seems to have died of natural causes and contact the local authorities.
- ▶ Always clean your hunting equipment and shoes before leaving hunting areas.
- ▶ Avoid visiting pig farms after hunting.
- ▶ Do not leave water, carcasses and offal in hunting areas and fields.



You are a farmer

- ▶ Keep wild boar away from your livestock.
- ▶ Always clean your equipment and change clothes and boots when entering your farm.
- ▶ Do not feed your pigs with food scraps that contain meat from animals.

Outbreaks in Europe

(Source: ADNS, extracted on 02/09/20)

10 countries affected

705 outbreaks



*Belgium has no new recorded cases of ASF in 2020 but the disease is still active.

Map of current outbreaks of African swine fever in Europe (until 2 September 2020)



Report any suspicious cases to your local veterinarian/authorities.

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