



Canadian Pork Council
Conseil canadien du porc

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

African swine fever is caused by a very contagious virus and is killing pigs and wild boars in Africa, Asia and parts of Europe.

No treatment is currently available for African swine fever (ASF). Let's work together to keep our pigs healthy and diseases such as African swine fever away from Canada.

Enhanced safety measures are the most important steps you can take to prevent this, or any disease, from contaminating your animals.

- **Do not feed meat products to pigs; this is prohibited in Canada.** Kitchen waste, fruits and vegetables might have been in contact with infected meat that can make your pigs sick.
- **Ensure you dispose of food waste** where other animals, including pets and wild pigs, do not have access to it.
- **Minimize contact with wildlife.** Although ASF is not currently present in Canada, in domestic or wild pigs, wild pigs can carry and spread the virus and other diseases.
- **Know the origin of your pigs' feed ingredients** and source feed from suppliers with quality assurance programs.
- **Review your biosecurity plan.** Wash your hands, wear clean clothing and barn/pen dedicated boots when caring for your animals.
- Talk to your neighbours and friends about the **importance of respecting these measures to keep your pigs safe.**
- **Contact your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your pigs are sick and could be infected.**

BIOSECURITY IS KEY TO KEEP DISEASES AWAY FROM THE CANADIAN PIG POPULATION.

Although humans cannot be infected with African swine fever, they are the most likely source of introducing the virus into Canada through contaminated meat products, clothing and footwear.

Quite hardy, the virus can persist for a long time in the environment, carcasses and in a variety of pork products.

ASF has not been reported in Canada. Everyone has a role to play to ensure the country remains virus-free.

- When visiting other countries, **do not bring back any meat products.**
- **Wash all clothing and footwear** immediately after use in other countries.
- **Prevent access to your animals**, especially contact with visitors returning from affected countries.

Learn more about the virus and the risk factor to Canada and what the industry is doing to prevent African swine fever from coming into the country at www.cpc-ccp.com/african-swine-fever.