



A CPC UPDATE ON
AFRICAN SWINE FEVER ACTIVITIES
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PREPARE

1. ASF ADVOCACY

- CPC staff and board members are participating in a series of steering committees and working groups to address various aspects of the African swine fever (ASF) file.
- The Government of Canada is very active on the file and supportive of CPC's efforts.

What's new?

- CPC's Chair, Rick Bergmann and Dr. Egan Brockhoff met with the National Pork Producers Council's Board to discuss ASF efforts.
- The emergency operations centres' meeting on November 25 and 26 in Gatineau, QC allowed federal, provincial and industry level representatives working on ASF preparedness, planning, response and recovery to meet and collaborate. The CPC plans to facilitate a follow-up meeting in the spring of 2020.

2. INTERNATIONAL ZONING RECOGNITION/DOMESTIC ZONING PREPARATION

- Canada has bilateral zoning agreements with the United States and the European Union.
- Similar agreements are required with other trading partners of which Japan is the most important.
- An Industry-Government working group composed of CPC, Canadian Meat Council, Canada Pork International, Global Affairs Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is pursuing a coordinated approach to zoning in Canada.

What's new?

- The OIE has hired a consultant to draft guidelines for ASF compartmentalization. The OIE ad hoc working group will meet in person to review the guidelines in March 2020. The guidelines will be presented at the next OIE general session in May 2020.
- On November 21-22, CPC staff participated alongside CFIA and CMC in meeting Maple Leaf Foods organized to share the status of their compartmentalization project and work on challenges.
- The team working on the ASF compartmentalization project for Maple Leaf Foods met with the OIE on November 28, 2019, to present their work to date.

3. ASF COMMUNICATIONS

- CPC is actively collaborating with other stakeholders, including staff at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- CPC is releasing an ongoing series of communications products via its members and CPC social media platform.

What's new?

- A new **Don't Pack Pork** campaign will be launched mid-December by CFIA until the beginning of February 2020 to coincide with the period where a lot of people travel to and from China. It will include airport signage, social media posts, and letters to airlines and the airports.
- An overview of CPC's crisis communication plan was presented during the emergency operations centres' meeting on November 25 and 26 in Gatineau, QC.

4. ASF STRATEGY

- CFIA has released its revised framework for action to prevent and mitigate the impacts of ASF in the Americas ([ASF framework for action](#))
- CFIA's forward agenda is available at ([CFIA ASF forward agenda](#))
- The CPC is a member of the ASF Executive Management Board (EMB) which includes CFIA and other stakeholders working together on the Pan-Canadian ASF Action Plan.
- The ASF EMB is meeting every two weeks.

What's new?

- The 2nd ASF Forum held in Mexico on October 22-23, 2019 focused on harmonizing prevention and response efforts between Canada, Mexico and the US.
- The OIE's Standing Group of Experts on ASF for the Americas met in Bogota, Colombia on December 3-4, to discuss border security. A second meeting will focus on the harmonization of laboratory diagnostics.
- A government-industry delegation will travel to Denmark in January 2020 to better understand their ASF prevention and preparedness efforts.

5. WILD PIGS

- CPC staff is working with the CFIA to develop a strategy to manage the threat posed by wild pigs in Canada.
- Environment and Climate Change Canada has provided 3-year funding to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) to work on wild pigs.

What's new?

- The CWHC is expecting to begin discussions early in 2020 and have a face to face meeting in the spring of 2020. Their work aims to assess the extent of the wild pig issue in Canada, identify areas for action and review tools to control wild pig population.
- Funding provided will not be enough to undertake control activities, but results should help partners seek funding for such activities.

6. DIAGNOSTICS AND SURVEILLANCE

- All Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Network (CAHSN) labs can test for ASF.
- Passive ASF surveillance is already underway in Canada.
- CFIA is not routinely testing meat seized at Canadian borders for ASF. Meat seized is considered contaminated and destroyed.

What's new?

- CFIA's laboratory team is confident in its diagnostic readiness for an ASF outbreak.
- Additional work is being done to develop and validate additional tests for ASF, including a pen-side assay. This assay could potentially be deployed in a mobile unit or in a small laboratory.

PREVENT

1. FEED INGREDIENT IMPORTS

- Imported feed ingredients including unprocessed grains and oilseeds, as well as associated meals (including corn, soybean, wheat, barley, rice, canola meal, soybean meal, flax seed meal, sunflower seed meal, and corn gluten meal) carry the risk of being contaminated with ASF.
- The Canadian government-imposed changes to import requirements for unprocessed grains and oilseeds, as well as associated meals destined for use in livestock feed, because of their risk of being contaminated with ASF.
- The list of countries affected by ASF is being updated as new countries report it to the OIE.

2. BORDER MEASURES

- The CPC is working with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the CFIA to increase preventive measures at the border, to increase traveller awareness and increase surveillance of flights coming from high-risk countries.
- Detector dog teams are focusing on flights/cargo coming from ASF affected countries.

What's new?

- Airlines coming into Canada have been asked by CFIA to announce one of two messages: A specific message that refers to ASF and the risks posed or a general message that refers to meat and plant introduction into Canada.
- Some airlines put the message on their in-flight entertainment system and others broadcast the message before landing.
- The International Air Transport Association and the OIE are participating in a joint strategy corresponding to Chinese New Year targeting 46 airlines arriving in North America from Asia.