

FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE RESPONSE

Understanding the 10-Step Process - African Swine Fever

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DETECT

If unusual signs of illness or sudden deaths are noticed in a herd, they should be reported to a veterinarian — private, state or USDA. Foreign animal disease diagnosticians will then take samples to determine if the herd is positive for ASF.

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QUARANTINE

If a positive ASF case is detected, USDA and state personnel are dispatched immediately to the farm. A case manager and site manager are assigned and become the producer's main points of contact to answer questions and give guidance on necessary paperwork. The operation is placed under quarantine - only authorized workers are allowed to enter and exit, and movement restrictions for swine, swine products, and equipment, go into effect. Neighboring swine farms will be contacted and their swine will be tested.

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APPRAISE

USDA and state personnel assist the swine owner and contract grower to gather and complete documents for the indemnity request, including inventory numbers and other herd records. USDA compensates for swine that must be destroyed using species specific calculators.

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DEPOPULATE

Infected herds are depopulated as quickly as possible to get rid of the virus.

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COMPENSATE

To receive compensation for depopulation, disposal or virus elimination activities, affected owners and growers must agree to a written herd plan and a financial plan outlining the steps to eliminate ASF from their premises. The plan will list whether the owner, the grower, a third party contractor, the state, and/or federal agency is responsible for carrying out each step.

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MANAGE DISPOSAL

USDA will help dispose of dead pigs safely. Disposal methods may include composting, burial, incineration, rendering, or landfill. The options depend on several variables: the type of farm, the specific conditions, state and local laws, and producer preference. The case manager will help producers determine the best option for the farm.

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ELIMINATE VIRUS

All traces of the virus must be eliminated from the affected property. All barn equipment and affected areas on the property must be cleaned and disinfected. This work can be performed by the producer or third party contractor.

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TEST

The case manager should be notified immediately when the cleanup is complete. The site must stay empty for a determined period of time. Testing of sentinel animals may be required.

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RESTOCK

The farm will be released from quarantine by state officials after all required testing and waiting periods are complete. Once USDA and the state have given approval, the facility can be restocked and production may begin again.

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MAINTAIN BIOSECURITY

After restocking, the highest biosecurity standards must be implemented to keep the virus from returning. Restocked premises will be subject to premovement testing.

Modeled after the USDA-approved HPAI 10-step process.

How Long Does the Process Take?

The timeframe varies depending on many things (for example, herd size, depopulation and disposal methods used, test results, farm's location). We're committed to restoring production as fast as we can while also protecting animal health.

Questions?

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