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## **ASF Update: Biosecurity preparedness ramps up on farm and processing**

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### **Ramping up on-farm biosecurity**

ASF Preparedness on farm has been a critical priority for the ASF Technical Panel and Liaison Officers over the past three months. Ensuring the message reaches all producers no matter the size is vital to protecting our industry. This is why APL and NSW DPI have developed new resources including an eight-point checklist to make it easy for producers to make practical changes to their biosecurity.

Now is the time to ensure property, staff and vets are prepared for an inspection with new APIQ Biosecurity Standards auditable from September. Documented evidence of biosecurity plans will be requested. For assistance, search 'Biosecurity' on the APL website for resources or contact APL's APIQ Lead Bjorn Ludvigson at [bjorn.ludvigsen@australianpork.com.au](mailto:bjorn.ludvigsen@australianpork.com.au).

As well as this, a new APL Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Biosecurity Committee has been set up to work alongside the APL Industry Technical Panel. The group draws together information from policy, research, producer relations and communications to share unanimously with industry, government and stakeholders.

### **New abattoir biosecurity standards**

New abattoir biosecurity standards have been drafted in a joint effort between industry stakeholders.

Lead by APL and Pork SA, the first abattoir biosecurity workshop was hosted in Adelaide on 28 May. Processing representatives, DAWE veterinary staff, Biosecurity SA, APL staff and its ASF technical panel attended the discussions.

The standards will act as a guideline for government issuing permits to abattoirs in the event of an African swine fever (ASF) outbreak.

Feedback generated from discussions will also inform research into truck washing lead by David Hamilton. Many thanks to all of those who participated.

### **The Global Situation**

- In Europe, ASF continues to break out in wild pig populations in Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia. Infected domestic herds have been reported in Poland, Romania, Russia and Ukraine. In Poland, the suspected route of disease transmission was in contaminated maize fodder fed to pigs.

- The UK is introducing stricter controls of passenger entry to stop bringing in meat products from European countries via trucks, trains, ships and planes.
- New ASF outbreaks have been reported in China, North Korea, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Bhutan, and India.
- Of our neighbours, Timor-Leste has recorded 28% of deaths due to ASF and Classical Swine Fever out of the pre-outbreak herd numbers of 453,500 pigs.
- Despite external claims of ASF in live export pigs from Thailand, no cases have been reported. Thai officials have responded to the claims from Vietnam with widespread testing and have reportedly demonstrated no traces of ASF.