

# Swill Feeding

Swill feeding is the leading cause for introduction of exotic animal diseases and emergency animal disease outbreaks.

Swill is food scraps, bakery waste, restaurant waste, untreated used cooking oils or other food waste that contains or has come into contact with meat or meat products.

Swill is **“Prohibited Pig Feed”**. This means it is illegal to feed swill to pigs in all States and Territories of Australia.

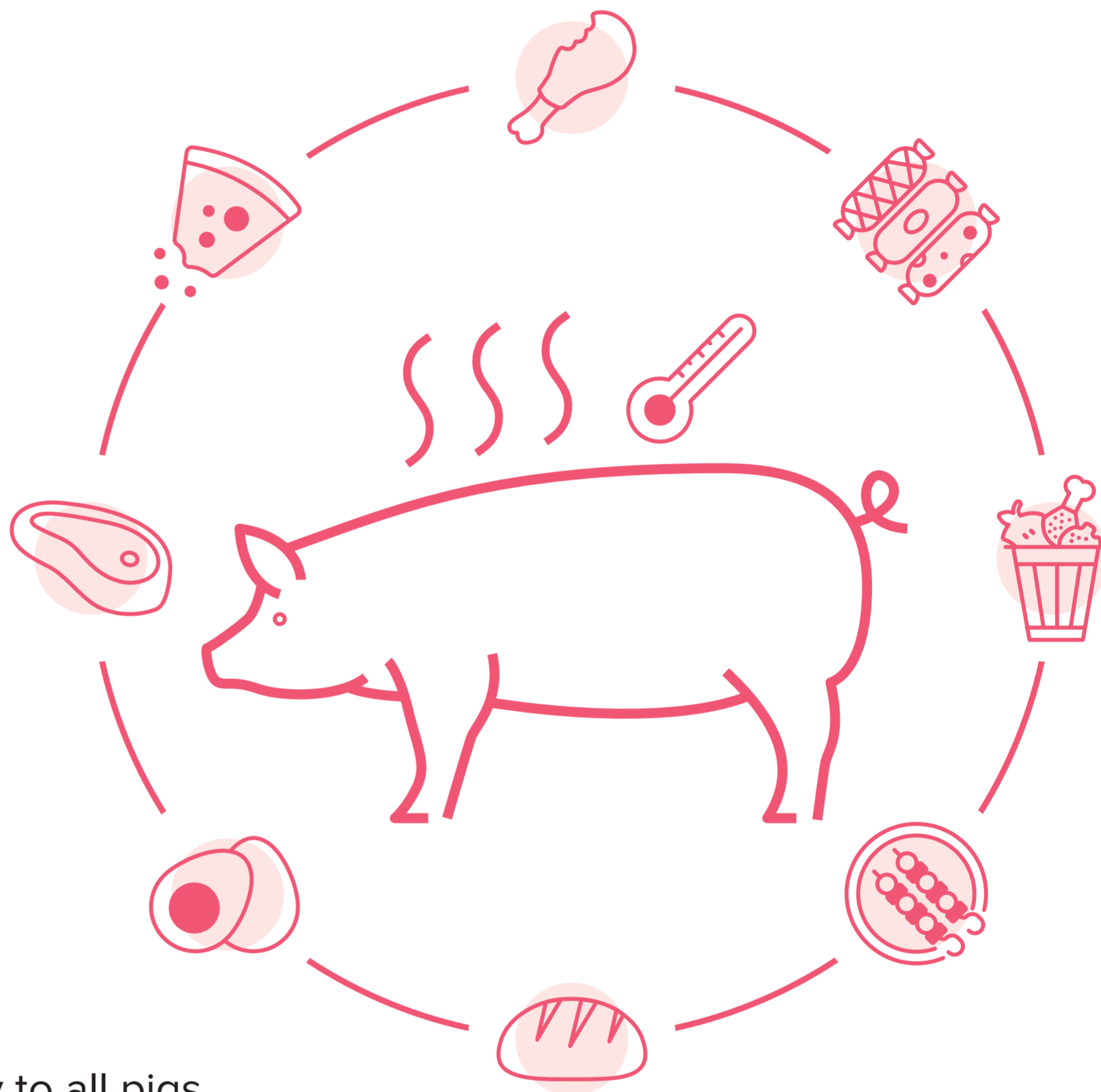
Swill feeding is illegal because it can carry exotic diseases that could devastate our livestock industries.



## Prohibited Pig Feed

Prohibited Pig Feed is defined as: material of mammalian origin, or any substance that has come in contact with this material. If you live in NT and QLD prohibited pig feed includes material of bird origin including meat, blood and eggs.

Pigs must not be fed or be allowed to eat meat or meat products, or anything that has been in contact with meat or meat products. This includes food scraps, bakery waste, waste from restaurants and untreated used cooking oils and fats. Any meat or meat product like pies, pizza, deli meats, table scraps, restaurant waste or food that has been in contact with meat are classified as “swill”.



These feeding restrictions apply to all pigs.  
**Know your responsibilities as a pig owner.**

**Strong penalties apply if you are caught doing any of the following:**



Feeding Prohibited Pig Feed to pigs



Storing Prohibited Pig Feed at a place where one or more pigs are kept



Allowing pigs to access Prohibited Pig Feed



Collecting and or supplying Prohibited Pig Feed to be fed to pigs

**Prohibited Pig Feed penalties could range upwards of \$10,000.**

Ask for a vendor declaration from your feed supplier and/or your feed ingredient supplier when you purchase feed, so you have documentation to show that your pigs have not been fed anything illegal.