

## African swine fever stakeholder update

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Item #	Item Name	ASF preparedness update	Major outcomes, recommendations, actions
1	<b>Australian Pork Limited</b>  <b>Ms Margo Andrae</b>	<p>Australia remains ASF free.</p> <p>The Victorian Farmers Federation pig group, Agriculture Victoria and APL are hosting an <a href="#">ASF preparedness webinar series</a> on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Webinar 1: ASF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Global ASF Pandemic (CSIRO)</li> <li>• Economic Impact of ASF (APL)</li> </ul> <p>Webinar 2: On farm biosecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biosecurity Best Practice Protocols (Apiam Animal Health)</li> </ul> <p>Webinar 3: ASF in Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outbreak preparedness and response (AgVic)</li> </ul> <p>See the attached flyer for further details. Registrations can be sent to <a href="mailto:pigs@vff.org.au">pigs@vff.org.au</a></p> <p>On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, APL hosted a webinar for producers, describing surveillance, disease detection and indigenous training activities undertaken by the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS). If you would like to view this webinar, please <a href="#">email Dr Heather Channon, National Feral Pig Management Co-ordinator</a>.</p> <p>Feral pig hunters have an important role to play in preventing and reporting sick and dead pigs. Thanks to the <a href="#">Australian Pig Doggers and Hunters Association</a> for helping to spread the word about ASF <a href="https://www.facebook.com/AustralianPorkLtd/photos/a.113131463656050/149823469986849/">https://www.facebook.com/AustralianPorkLtd/photos/a.113131463656050/149823469986849/</a>.</p> <p>AHA also continues to raise awareness of ASF with hunters. Click on link below to find out more <a href="https://twitter.com/AHA_au/status/1267637118668603393?s=20">https://twitter.com/AHA_au/status/1267637118668603393?s=20</a>.</p>	<p>APL continues to respond to COVID-19, for more information visit <a href="http://www.australianpork.com.au/covid-19">www.australianpork.com.au/covid-19</a>.</p>
2	<b>Global ASF update</b>	<p>This week's episode of <i>Contain This: The Latest in Global Health Security</i> podcast, produced by the Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security, features an update from the National Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Authority (NAQIA) epidemiologist, Andy Yombo who is coordinating ASF field work in PNG. It suggested that it is likely ASF has spread. Tune in just after the 37-minute mark <a href="https://www.buzzsprout.com/620797/3996131-zoonotic-diseases-and-the-csiro-with-debbie-eagles-rob-grenfell-and-andy-yombo">https://www.buzzsprout.com/620797/3996131-zoonotic-diseases-and-the-csiro-with-debbie-eagles-rob-grenfell-and-andy-yombo</a>.</p>	

		<p>Chinese researchers at the Harbin Veterinary Research Institute, part of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), have developed an ASF vaccine that is currently undergoing clinical trials on three pig farms across China. Initial results appear promising, but more data is required to determine the efficacy of the vaccine against ASF. For more information see <a href="https://www.msn.com/en-au/news/other/china-says-clinical-trials-show-african-swine-fever-vaccine-safe-so-far/ar-BB15i4fb">https://www.msn.com/en-au/news/other/china-says-clinical-trials-show-african-swine-fever-vaccine-safe-so-far/ar-BB15i4fb</a>.</p> <p>A recent European focused webinar series on ASF described some of the ongoing challenges Poland was facing in reducing the spread of ASF. The disease has been present in Poland since 2014, and in the first 5 months of the year there has been 2,505 wild boar found dead – more than in the whole of 2019. During each hunting season in Poland, around 300,000 wild boar are shot. Polish ASF expert Krzysztof Jażdżewski said, wild boar have been displaying intelligent behaviour and controlling ASF in domestic pigs is a hundred times easier than in wild boar. According to Jażdżewski, shooting and carcass removal are the most important measures to completely control ASF. A Dutch pig farmer Bas Zegers, who owns a pig farm in the west of Poland (located in the ‘surveillance area’) has constructed a fence around his farm in an effort to keep wild boar out. Due to ASF he is receiving less money for his pigs and he has to test 30-60 pigs/week before he can ship them to the abattoir. To find out more see <a href="https://www.pigprogress.net/Health/Articles/2020/5/ASF-Poland-Virus-appears-to-be-unstoppable-in-wild-boar-590693E/">https://www.pigprogress.net/Health/Articles/2020/5/ASF-Poland-Virus-appears-to-be-unstoppable-in-wild-boar-590693E/</a>.</p> <p>The 2020 Virtual Wild Pig Conference is available for viewing the conference link is <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpzNKfCPdg5om8PFmRRNUUA/">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpzNKfCPdg5om8PFmRRNUUA/</a>. It is free to access and open until 30<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>USDA’s Animal &amp; Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has updated its ASF strategic plan to include a full response plan as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen response capabilities. The <a href="#">USDA APHIS ASF Response Plan: The Red Book May 2020</a> elevates preparedness activities in the U.S. in the event of an ASF incursion.</p>	
3	<b>Animal Health Committee update</b>	AHC plans to meet on 25 <sup>th</sup> June to discuss and finalise any outstanding items from the AHC ASF taskforce.	
4	<b>Next report</b>	The next report will be distributed on Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020.	All stakeholders are welcome to continue sending through or asking questions, or raising their concerns with both Ms Margo Andrae or Dr Lechelle van Breda.