

CONTROL MEASURES

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

Your state or territory government is responsible for managing emergency animal disease outbreaks in their jurisdictions. You can help them to control an African swine fever (ASF) outbreak by complying with their instructions (you may face legal penalties if you don't).

Declared areas

The state/territory government will establish declared areas as part of their response to prevent the spread of ASF. Depending on their proximity to the disease, premises will be located in a Restricted Area, Control Area or Outside Area. The category your property falls into will determine which disease control measures may apply.



- RESTRICTED AREA** - includes premises that are infected or believed to be infected or contaminated with ASF virus, as well as premises close to infected properties.
- CONTROL AREA** - forms a buffer between a Restricted Area and areas considered to be free from ASF. It includes premises in the area neighbouring a Restricted Area.

Types of control measures



MOVEMENT CONTROLS: restrictions on movements - onto and off premises - of pigs, vehicles, equipment, pig products and byproducts, wastes and other items that might be contaminated



BIOSECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PEOPLE: such as requiring decontamination or changes of clothing and footwear when people move on or off premises



TRACING: reviewing movements of animals, people and things on and off infected premises to help identify where infection may have come from - and where it may now be



SURVEILLANCE: checking for signs of disease or contamination, investigating anything suspicious and taking samples for laboratory testing if needed



DESTRUCTION: culling of pigs that are infected or are a high disease risk; high risk things that can't be decontaminated might also be destroyed



VALUATION AND COMPENSATION: for animals that have died from ASF and for animals or property destroyed as part of the official disease response - this is governed by state or territory legislation



DISPOSAL: biosecure disposal of carcasses and animal products, by-products, wastes or things that are, or might be, contaminated



DECONTAMINATION: chemical or other treatment of premises, vehicles, equipment, clothing, footwear and other things that might be contaminated to inactivate any ASF virus that may be present.

Control measures that may apply to you

Different measures may be applied depending on what type of premises you are and what declared area you're in. Premises can include farms, saleyards, processing facilities etc.

TYPE OF PREMISES	LOCATED IN	POTENTIAL DISEASE CONTROLS
Premises known or believed to be infected (infected premises)	Restricted Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement controls • Biosecurity controls for people • Tracing • Surveillance • Destruction of all pigs (with valuation and compensation) • Disposal • Decontamination
Premises that require investigation (a suspect or trace premises)	Restricted Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement controls • Biosecurity requirements for people • Surveillance
Premises highly liked to be infected or to contain contaminated items (dangerous contact premises/ processing facility)	Restricted Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement controls • Biosecurity controls for people • Surveillance • Destruction of pigs at high risk of infection (with valuation and compensation) • Disposal • Decontamination
Other premises with pigs in a legally declared area ("At risk premises" in a Restricted Area; "premises of relevance" in a Control Area)	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement controls may apply particularly to premises in a Restricted Area • Surveillance
Other premises with pigs that are not in a legally declared area	Outside Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement controls may still apply to some items (particularly for movements to or from premises in declared areas) • Surveillance
Processing facilities, saleyards, etc. that are not captured above	Outside Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be affected by movement controls on some items (particularly for movements to or from premises in declared areas) • Surveillance

MORE INFORMATION



- AUSVETPLAN Disease strategy manual: ASF www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/our-publications/ausvetplan-manuals-and-documents
- Prepare your business to survive an emergency animal disease outbreak by visiting www.australianpork.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Preparing-your-business-to-survive-an-EAD-30-minute-piggery-plan.pdf
- In a response, information about control measures will be available at www.outbreak.gov.au