

Understanding African Swine Fever (ASF)

FEAR NOT, FEAST ON: PINOY PORK IS SAFE TO EAT!

What is ASF?



It is a highly contagious viral and deadly disease affecting domestic pigs and wild boars. It can be transmitted through:



Direct contact with infected pigs



By-products of infected pigs



Water and feeds of infected pigs



Fomites - objects that can carry virus



It cannot be transmitted to humans nor pose a threat to our health!



National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control of ASF by the Department of Agriculture (DA)

Red (Infected) Zone
Municipalities/Cities with confirmed outbreaks

Pink (Buffer) Zone
ASF is not detected but is immediately around the Red Zone (i.e. NCR)

Yellow (Surveillance) Zone
ASF is not detected but is adjacent to Pink Zone

Light Green (Protected) Zone
ASF is not detected; moderate-risk areas

Dark Green (Free) Zone
ASF is not detected; low-risk areas

Government's initiatives



National ASF Prevention and Control Program by the DA-Bureau of Animal Industry



Bantay ASF sa Barangay (BABay ASF) Program by the DA and the Department of the Interior and Local Government



Controlled rollout of ASF vaccines



For an online copy of the infographics with a list of government initiatives against ASF.

YOUR PART IN

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF ASF



Support Local

Support our local hog raisers by patronizing pinoy pork! Just make sure to check for certification from the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) or compliant seal from the Food and Drug Administration (for processed products).



Wash and Cook Thoroughly

Make sure to wash and cook pork thoroughly.



Wash Hands

Always wash your hands before and after handling fresh/processed pork.

Don't Carry Pork

Avoid carrying pork products to and from countries/municipalities/cities.



Report cases

Most importantly, report any suspicious hog deaths to your local government unit.



Respect biosecurity

Follow biosecurity measures when visiting hog farms (i.e. use of footbaths and gears, change clothes, etc.). Do not visit farms in affected areas to avoid spreading ASF virus.



Dispose Properly

Observe proper disposal of pork leftovers. Don't throw them in bodies of water, where they may contaminate other farms' water source.



Avoid Wild Boars

Avoid direct or indirect contact with wild boars, especially for your safety.



Don't feed swill

Refrain from swill feeding, or feeding of pigs with food wastes, including cooked, raw, or processed scraps.



Be a part of ending this deadly hog disease.

Join our campaign by using these hashtags on your social media platforms:
#Fortheloveofpork #PinoyPorkissafe #MayMagagawaAko #BagongPilipinas

Sources: Department of Agriculture and World Organisation for Animal Health

LIST OF GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AGAINST ASF



National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control of ASF - a strategy of the Department of Agriculture (DA) for zoning and compartmentalizing different administrative regions based on common ASF status to protect unaffected areas and control the disease in infected areas

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For more info, you can check out DA Administrative Circular No. 19, series of 2019.



National ASF Prevention and Control Program - a holistic campaign program of the DA-Bureau of Animal that involves LGU engagement, surveillance, biosecurity, capability-building and awareness, recovery and population. This also covers the implementation of the Bantay ASF sa Barangay (BABAY ASF) Program (Joint Memorandum Order No. 01 of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior and Local Government, Series of 2022)

For more info, you can check out <https://www.bai.gov.ph/program>.



Joint effort of national and local government units in establishing livestock/ASF checkpoints



Required laboratory testing of hog farms under the DA-BAI Memorandum Circular No. 35, series of 2022, or the Amended Guidelines on the Application and Renewal of Certificate of Free Status of ASF to Facilitate Unhampered Delivery of Healthy and Safe Pork and Related Commodities to Target Destinations



Controlled rollout of ASF vaccines based on the following:

- DA Administrative Circular No. 5, series of 2024, or the Guidelines on the Controlled Use of Vaccine for African Swine Fever
- DA Administrative Circular No. 07, series of 2024, or the Supplemental Guidelines on the Use of the ASF Vaccine Procured by the DA-BAI for Commercial Farms and Swine Herds under the Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) Program

