



# AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

*African swine fever (ASF) is a viral disease that affects both domestic and wild pigs. It spreads very quickly and kills most pigs that get it. ASF has never been found in the United States.*

*Humans cannot get ASF, but they can carry it on clothing, shoes, and equipment. An outbreak in the United States would have devastating economic effects on the swine industry.*

## WHAT'S BIOSECURITY?

*Biosecurity refers to all measures taken to keep diseases and pathogens that carry them—viruses, bacteria, fungi, parasites, and other micro-organisms—away from pigs, property, and people.*

## REPORT SICK PIGS

**In North Carolina,  
call 919-707-3250**

# Protect Your Farm Using Biosecurity

People can spread disease without knowing it. To protect your pigs, use strong biosecurity practices on your farm—all day, every day.

- Routinely review and assess existing biosecurity plans with an accredited veterinarian, and update or improve if needed. No plan? Make one and follow it.
- Make sure anyone who comes to your farm—workers and visitors—knows and follows your biosecurity practices.
- Provide biosecurity training to new workers or anyone on your farm.



## KNOW WHO & WHAT IS ON YOUR FARM

Don't let anyone carry disease onto your farm.

- Limit on-farm traffic as much as possible.
- Keep detailed records of all people, vehicles, and equipment at your farm or other pig production facilities.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment and vehicles entering or leaving your site.
- Isolate sick pigs from the herd, and keep them away from visitors.
- Ask visitors about recent international travel. Don't let anyone who has been in an ASF-affected country onto your farm for at least 5 days after returning to the United States.
- Make sure visitors wear clean clothes and shoes at all pig production facilities and farms.



**Help keep U.S. pigs free of this deadly disease!**  
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