

African Swine Fever

Although there is currently no active surveillance program for African swine fever (ASF), a subset of NAHLN laboratories has trained and proficiency tested analysts ready to participate in foreign animal disease investigations or surge capacity testing as needed. ASF is the most lethal transboundary disease affecting pigs, yet there is no treatment or vaccine against ASF. ASF has never been reported in the United States, but the viral disease has shown a great tendency for sudden and unexpected international spread over great distances. This is often associated with the legal or illegal transportation of virus contaminated pig meat products, including food scraps in waste from ships and aircraft. Surveillance for ASF is currently being conducted through passive reporting of suspicious cases to State and Federal animal health officials.

[Click here for more information on ASF.](#)