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USDA's African Swine Fever (ASF) Action Week To Return: What You Need To Know To Protect U.S. Pigs

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Fifth ASF Action Week Kicks Off March 1, 2026

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is hosting its fifth African Swine Fever (ASF) Action Week from March

1-7, 2026. We are encouraging U.S. swine producers, small farms, and pig owners to join us and learn about ASF and what they can do to help protect the U.S. swine herd.

ASF has never been detected in the United States. However, since the 2021 detection in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, the closest in decades, USDA has partnered with industry and States to enhance already strong safeguards to protect U.S. swine from this costly disease.

“African swine fever doesn’t threaten human health or food safety, but for U.S. pig producers, its arrival would be devastating,” said Dr. Adis Dijab, APHIS Associate Deputy Administrator. “This disease could decimate herds, with the potential to kill millions of pigs and cause up to \$75 billion in economic losses over the next decade. An outbreak would disrupt domestic production, inflate feed and input costs, and jeopardize access to international markets—putting the entire pork industry at risk.”

Join us all week on [X](#), [Facebook](#), USDA’s Instagram, and the website to learn more about what APHIS is doing, and what you can do, to [Protect Our Pigs](#).

Through the Protect Our Pigs campaign, USDA is raising awareness of ASF to help producers and veterinarians quickly find and share actionable information to defend their herds and livelihoods. Free resources, such as custom videos, downloadable materials, and interactive training guides, are available on the Protect Our Pigs website at www.aphis.usda.gov/protectourpigs.

Be sure to check the website and sign up for our [GovDelivery email list](#) so you don’t miss any Action Week events or information.