

# TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER THE PAN-CANADIAN ACTION PLAN ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER



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Enhanced  
Biosecurity



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Planning



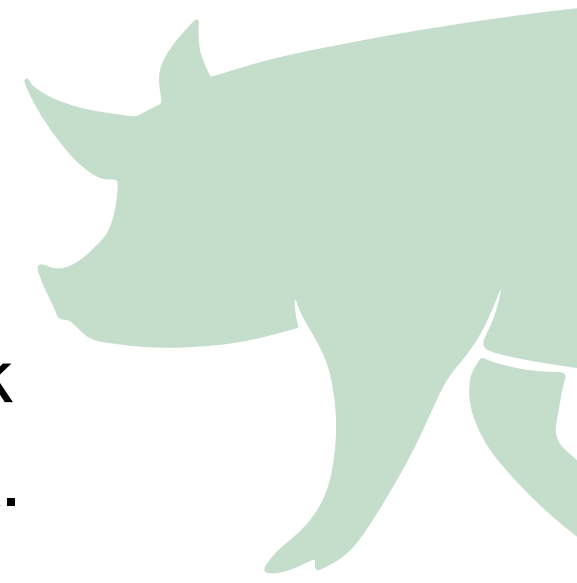
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The introduction of African swine fever (ASF) to Canada would have such a devastating effect on the swine industry that a multi-faceted project, the **Pan-Canadian Action Plan on African Swine Fever**, was initiated in 2019. The collaborative plan lays the groundwork for a timely and coordinated response to reduce the size of an outbreak and limit its impact.

The Plan includes **four pillars for action** to mitigate the risks of ASF:

1. Enhanced biosecurity and prevention (led by Canadian Pork Council)
2. Preparedness planning (led by Canadian Food Inspection Agency)
3. Ensure business continuity (led by Canadian Meat Council)
4. Coordinated risk communications (led by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness).



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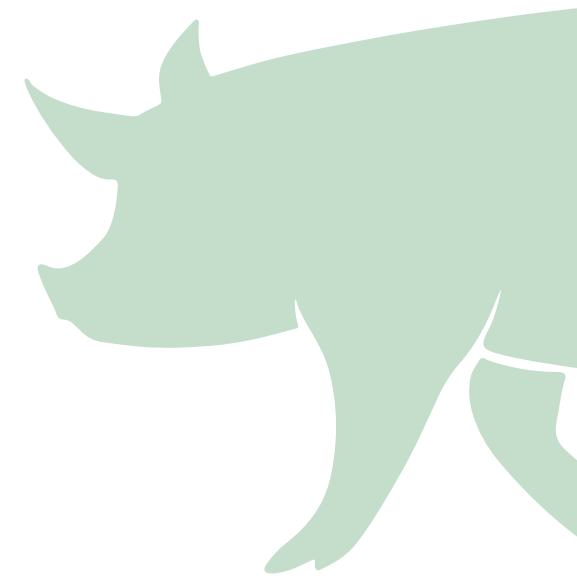


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# AN UNPRECEDENTED COLLABORATION




An ASF Executive Management Board was established to bring together federal/provincial/territorial governments and industry (FPTI) representatives to provide guidance and to prioritize activities under the Pan-Canadian Action Plan on ASF.


Under their guidance, a number of working groups and subgroups work together to deliver solutions that enhance the ASF prevention and response planning and preparedness activities under the four pillars of the Plan.

As a national presence, Animal Health Canada (AHC) leads this collaborative approach.

The work that has been done under each pillar highlights the unprecedented collaboration between FPTI, academia, and other stakeholders at all levels.



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## Pan-Canadian Action Plan on African swine fever:



# Pillar 1: Prevention and Enhanced Biosecurity

(led by the Canadian Pork Council)

## TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



### Canadian Swine Biosecurity Guideline

Updated biosecurity guideline outlining the latest best practices in biosecurity, providing comprehensive guidance for producers, swine health professionals, and industry partners. It includes an extensive list of recommended biosecurity measures and offers benchmark assessment tools to support ongoing on-farm biosecurity improvements.



### Mandatory border training

Implemented border services officer mandatory training on the impact of African swine fever.



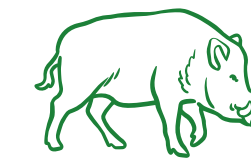
### Detector dog teams

Added 23 new detector dog teams across Canada to detect undeclared food, plant and animal products that could pose a risk of introducing ASF into Canada.



### Biosecurity Benchmark Tools

Biosecurity assessment tools designed to assist producers in evaluating the effectiveness of on-farm biosecurity measures, covering external, internal, and containment biosecurity.



### Canada's Invasive Wild Pig Strategy

Completed Canada's Invasive Wild Pig Strategy. The evergreen document is a 10-year strategy that provides Canada-wide leadership to facilitate eradication of invasive wild pigs.



### Biosecurity toolkit

Developed a Biosecurity ToolKit on the importance of implementing biosecurity measures for the prevention of ASF. Includes posters, videos on biosecurity

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# Pillar 2: Preparedness Planning

(led by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency)

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### CFIA's ASF-Hazard Specific Plan

CFIA's ASF-Hazard Specific Plan (ASF-HSP) is current and ready to be implemented in the event of an ASF emergency.



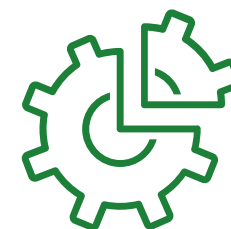
### Tabletop exercises

Designed and facilitated 16 tabletop exercises to validate preparedness plans and response capabilities involving government and industry.



### Large-scale, multi-stakeholder exercise

AHC organized a large-scale, multi-stakeholder exercise for November 2024 to work through key elements of the ASF response.



### Integrated Emergency Response Plan Framework for ASF

Developed the Integrated Emergency Response Plan (IERP) Framework for ASF and the associated gaps report.



### CanSpotASF Surveillance Program

Created the *CanSpotASF* program, an early detection surveillance program for ASF in Canada.

- Risk-based early detection testing at approved laboratories
- Risk based early detection condemnation testing at abattoirs
- A wild pig surveillance tool launched in July 2024



### Canadian Swine Depopulation Method Reference document

Drafted the Canadian Swine Depopulation Method Reference document.



### Movement Risk Mitigation Recommendations

Drafted the Movement Risk Mitigation Recommendations in an ASF situation in Canada.

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# Pillar 3: Ensuring Business Continuity

(led by the Canadian Meat Council)

## TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



### ASF zoning standards

Established ASF zoning standards and shared requirements with FPTI stakeholders. Zoning standards are outlined in the CFIA's HSP for ASF.



### AAFC's African Swine Fever Industry Preparedness Program

Established the funding program to support the industry in addressing gaps in prevention and mitigation efforts and for the tools, partnerships, and activities to ensure early detection and effective emergency response.



### Compartmentalization Program

The groundwork for creating a national ASF compartmentalization program is complete, providing a solid foundation for moving ahead with implementation.



### Model for Shared Costs

Initiated the development of a Model for Shared Costs in the Event of Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak.



### Surplus Swine Depopulation Plan

The Hog Supply Working Group, comprised of federal/provincial/territorial governments and industry, developed the Surplus Swine Depopulation Plan, and identified additional surplus hog response options that take into consideration all segments of the pork supply chain.

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# Pillar 4: Coordinated Risk Communications

(led by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness)

## TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



### Information flow

Created a notifications pathway to map the information flow process from African swine fever suspicion to 24 hours post announcement to align on points of accountability and dependencies between organizations.



### ASF Emergency Communication Guide

An ASF Emergency Communication Guide is under development to ensure ASF prevention messaging is consistent among FPTI stakeholders.



### Contact list

Established communication contact lists, shared and regularly updated.



### Traveller awareness campaign

Created *Don't Pack Pork* traveller awareness campaign to help prevent African swine fever entry into Canada.



### Communications resources for project/ programs

Developed and shared resources on topics such as:

- **Producer awareness and biosecurity**
- **Food safety awareness**
- **Emergency response /Communications logistics**