

# AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

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## 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.*



## 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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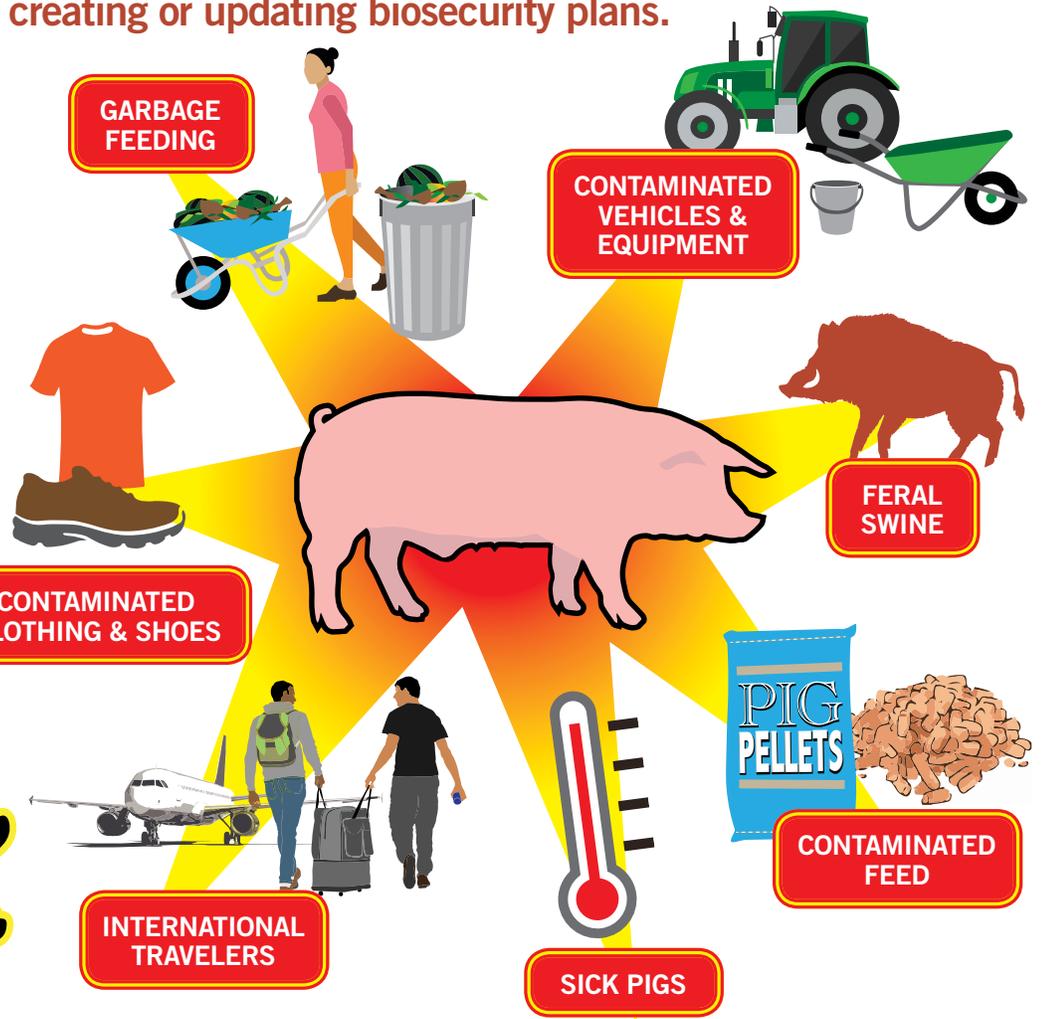
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It's easy to spread ASF—without even knowing it. The virus can stay on clothing and equipment and survive for months in pork products. Be aware of these potential pathways and consider them when creating or updating biosecurity plans.



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