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CEZD ASF Weekly Intelligence Report:  March 9-15, 2019

Disease/Pathogen Information

- No new countries have reported being affected by ASF this week.
- Disease outbreaks continued to be reported in Europe and Asia
  - **Europe** – no unexpected outbreaks this week and the pattern remains the same. Wild boar ‘outbreaks’ are usually only an individual animal or a small group.
    - Wild boar – Belgium, Poland, Romania, Russia
    - Domestic swine – Romania
  - **Asia**
    - Domestic swine – China, Vietnam
- Spread continued in Vietnam this week, with additional northern provinces and villages finding cases of ASF, including near Laos. Unlike in China, ASF continues to be reportedly almost exclusively in small holdings and backyard farms in Vietnam.
- Taiwan reported that another dead pig was found on the shore line in Kinmen County and tested positive for ASF virus gene fragments. This group of islands is close to mainland China. Samples taken from the carcass were found to contain sequences of gene fragments 100 percent identical to those of the ASF virus strain in China.

Control Measures Information

- China’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs has done a retrospective analysis of outbreaks and assessed the impact of some measures. (FAO summary can be found [here](#).)
- Cambodia is reportedly concerned as ASF outbreaks in Vietnam move towards them and they are working to crack down on the many cases of illegal Vietnamese pork imports. No cases of African swine fever have yet been reported in Cambodia.
- Pig Progress editor Vincent ter Beek provided an interesting presentation on the situation worldwide. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).
- News outlets report that U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced Friday that agents made the largest seizure of agricultural product in American history.
1. ASF Situation in Asia (August 2018 to March 15, 2019)


2. Number of ASF outbreaks reported in Vietnam by province by onset week


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