



African swine fever

People food is not pig food

Food or food scraps that has come into contact with or contains animal matter such as meat and meat products should never be fed to pigs.

Feeding meat products to pigs is illegal in all states and territories. These restrictions apply to ALL pigs, including pet pigs.

It is best to feed pigs commercially available feed.

Food that must not be fed to pigs

Household, commercial, supermarket or industrial food waste including restaurant food, butcher shop waste and bakery waste that contains meat, meat products, eggs, some dairy products, or anything that has been in contact with these items must not be fed to pigs.

Examples include table scraps, meat pies, sausage rolls, bacon and cheese rolls, Caesar salad with bacon pieces, deli meats, eggs, milk or milk products not of Australian origin or illegally imported into Australia, and untreated used cooking oils and fats. For more information on pig by-products, visit business.qld.gov.au.

In addition, anything that has been in contact with meat products via collection, storage or transport in contaminated containers such as meat trays and takeaway food containers, must not be fed to pigs.

Dispose of food waste responsibly

Businesses that prepare and sell food have a responsibility to dispose of food waste appropriately. Food waste should be placed in an appropriate waste bin for collection and disposal. This also includes household scraps.

Meat products may contain serious viruses that could be passed on to pigs through feeding—this includes African swine fever.

The African swine fever virus may remain in food even after chilling, freezing, or inadequate cooking.

The virus could be introduced to Australia through the illegal importation of meat or dairy products. Pigs that are fed contaminated food or have access to and eat contaminated food waste may then become infected.

Protect the pork industry

If you suspect that food containing meat products is being supplied to pig owners or meat is being fed to pigs, contact **Biosecurity Queensland** on **13 25 23**.

Feeding meat to pigs or supplying food containing meat products to someone to feed to pigs may carry penalties of up to \$53,380. In cases where someone knows it is illegal but choose to do so anyway, penalties of up to \$400,350 or 3 years imprisonment may apply.

Want to know more?

Call **13 25 23** or visit qld.gov.au/AfricanSwineFever

If you keep pigs you must be registered as a biosecurity entity. Visit qld.gov.au/BiosecurityRegistration to learn more.

Subscribe to biosecurity alerts at daf.qld.gov.au/alerts



If you suspect the presence of African swine fever, you must report it to **Biosecurity Queensland** on **13 25 23** or contact the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline** on **1800 675 888**.



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