

**Position Statement: Wild pig management is important to the protection of swine health in Ontario.**

**Rationale:** Swine Health Ontario supports updates to Ontario’s Invasive Species Act, 2015, designed to prevent the establishment of invasive wild pigs in Ontario.

In other jurisdictions, wild pigs pose a significant risk to the pork industry and have proven to have a detrimental impact on animals, crops and farmer livelihood. Wild pigs have also spread African Swine Fever (ASF), a reportable disease that decimates entire herds and jeopardizes trade. While ASF has not been found in North America, the importance of addressing wild pigs in Ontario, and across Canada, cannot be overstated.

Eurasian wild boars, although not native to Canada, nor North America, can become part of the wild pig population along with escaped domestic pigs. Wild pigs cause destruction and can spread deadly diseases. Eradication efforts in other jurisdictions within North America have been unsuccessful. Swine Health strongly supports efforts at the provincial and national level to ensure wild pigs do not become established in Ontario.

References

Invasive Wild Pigs in Ontario. 2022. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/invasive-wild-pigs-ontario>.

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