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Report Highlights:

Following the Hong Kong government's confirmation on February 4, 2021 that pigs on a farm were infected with African Swine Fever (ASF) and the ensuing culling of 240 cohort pigs in the same shed, two pigs in another shed of the same farm tested positive with ASF two days later. This led to the further culling of 590 pigs.

The Hong Kong government (HKG) confirmed the first African Swine Fever (ASF) cases of the year in six pigs on a local farm on February 4, 2021. Two days later on February 6, 2021, two pigs in another shed on the same farm tested positive. These two cases of ASF led to the culling of 250 and 590 pigs, respectively.

The current HKG policy is to cull pigs in the same shed as any pigs confirmed to be infected with ASF. Pigs on the infected farm and farms located within three kilometers are not allowed to move until further notice. The Hong Kong government will offer compensation to farmers based on the number of pigs culled.

The Hong Kong government assured farmers and the public that they have stepped up surveillance of all farms in Hong Kong and encouraged farmers to report on any abnormalities concerning the health of their pigs.

The majority of live pigs in Hong Kong are supplied by imports from mainland China on a daily basis. Local supplies account for 15 percent of total supply. The table below shows the live pig supplies in February 2021. As indicated by the Hong Kong government, the ASF cases in Hong Kong will have a minimal impact on overall supply.

Table : Hong Kong Live Pig Supply

	Mainland	Local	Total
Feb 1, 2021	1,769	298	2,067
Feb 2, 2021	1,880	292	2,172
Feb 3, 2021	1,705	331	2,036
Feb 4, 2021	1,763	323	2,086
Feb 5, 2021	2,049	326	2,375
Feb 6, 2021	2,027	500	2,527
Feb 7, 2021	2,244	512	2,756
Feb 8, 2021	2,786	462	3,248

Source: Hong Kong Food and Environment Hygiene Department

Attachments:

No Attachments.