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# **ASF epidemiological situation in Latvia – update**

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# ASF in Latvia: beginning of the story

On **26<sup>th</sup> June** 2014 Latvia notified **first case** of African swine fever (ASF) in three wild boar found dead on the border with Belarus.

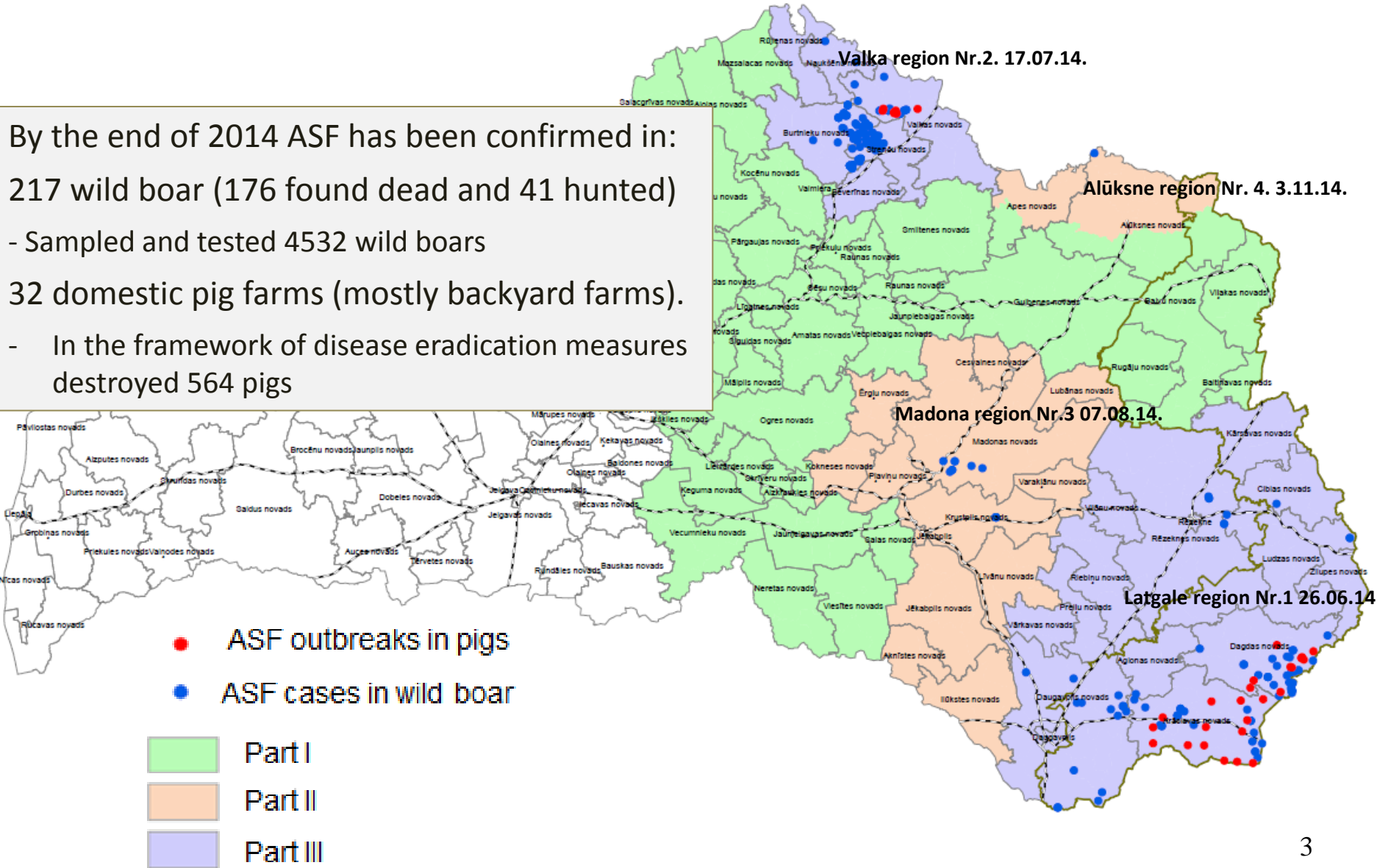
On the **26<sup>th</sup> June** NRL confirmed ASF **outbreak** in three domestic pigs in one back yard holding in Krāslava county, Robežnieki parish about 6 km from Belarus border.



# ASF summary for 2014 and restriction territories according to Decision 2014/709/EU

By the end of 2014 ASF has been confirmed in:

- 217 wild boar (176 found dead and 41 hunted)
- Sampled and tested 4532 wild boars
- 32 domestic pig farms (mostly backyard farms).
- In the framework of disease eradication measures destroyed 564 pigs





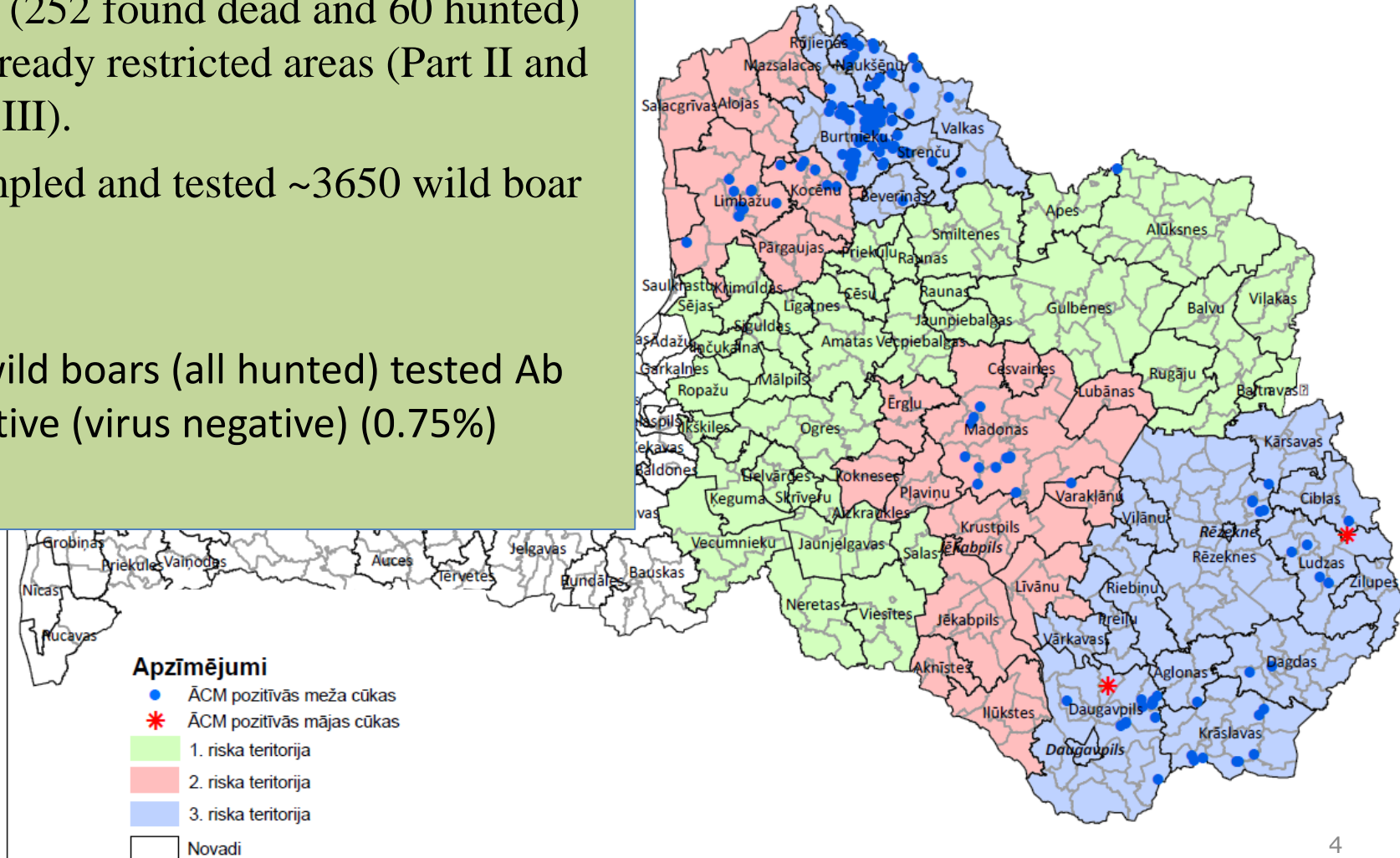
# ASF in wild boar – 1.01.-6.07.15.



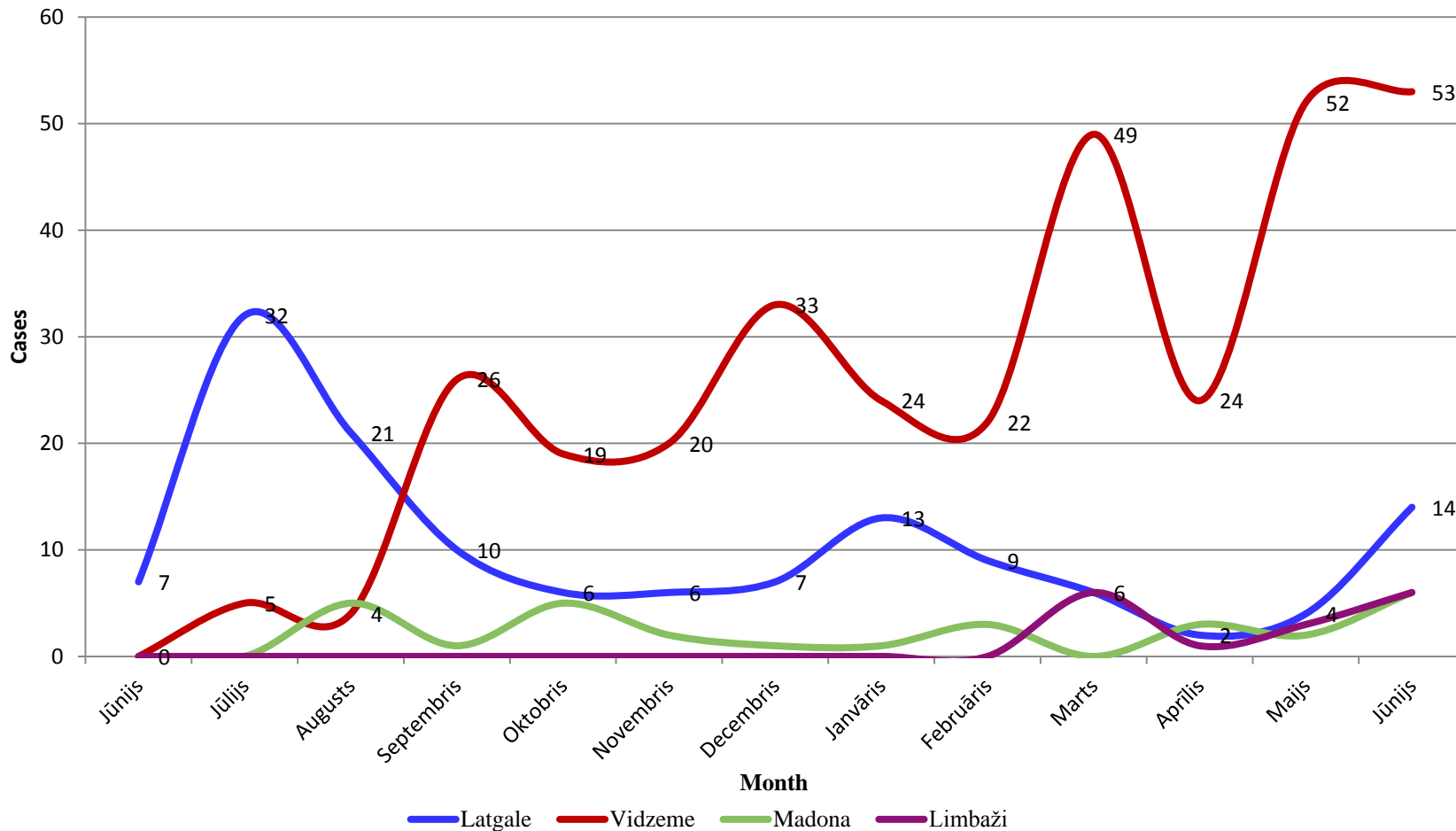
ASF has been confirmed in **312** wild boar (252 found dead and 60 hunted) in already restricted areas (Part II and Part III).

Sampled and tested ~3650 wild boar

33 wild boars (all hunted) tested Ab positive (virus negative) (0.75%)



# ASF surveillance in wild boar (monthly)



# ASF outbreak No.1 (in 2015)

Previous outbreak in domestic pigs was confirmed on 17.09.2014.

## **Suspicion notified by farmer – 14 June**

Small farm – 18 pigs.

Two pigs with clinical signs died shortly after inspection.

## **Confirmation – 16.06.2015.**

Outbreak confirmed in backyard farm in the Dubnas parish, Daugavpils county. Territory already defined as Part 3 by the Decision 2014/709/EU

All measures according to Council Directive 2002/60/EC were initiated

## **Stamping out and primary disinfection – 17.06.2015.**

Possible source of the infection: feeding of fresh grass



Outbreak  
16.06.2015.

## **ASF outbreak No1. - Measures within restricted zones**

Clinical inspection performed on all holdings in protection and surveillance zone.

Protection zone - **33** holdings (with pigs) inspected

Surveillance zone – **86** (with pigs) inspected

Totally visited 938 household

During surveillance in restriction zones no additional holdings were suspected to ASF.

Sampling would be performed only if any clinical signs or temperature (any suspicion) will be observed.

# ASF outbreak No.2

**Suspicion notified by the farmer – 4 July**

Small farm – 5 pigs.

two pigs with clinical signs

**Confirmation – 5.07.2015.**

Outbreak confirmed in backyard farm in the Ciblas parish, Ciblas county. Territory already defined as Part 3 by the Decision 2014/709/EU

All measures according to Council Directive 2002/60/EC were initiated

**Stamping out and primary disinfection – 6.07.2015.**

**Possible source of the infection: feeding of fresh grass**



Outbreak  
5.07.2015.



## **ASF outbreak No.2 - Measures within restricted zones**

Clinical inspection will be performed on all holdings in protection and surveillance zone.

Census of pig holdings is going on.

Sampling will be performed only if any suspicion (clinical signs or temperature) will be observed.

# Biosecurity rules for pig farms

«Biosecurity rules» Order of the Cabinet of Ministers No 621 (20.08.2013.) were in place till 30.06.2015.

New «Biosecurity rules» Order of the Cabinet of Ministers No 291 (9.06.2015.)

Different requirements for different types of farms (commercial, non commercial and outdoor keeping farms)

Target for the year 2015 - inspect all pig farms for the compliance with the biosecurity requirements.

# Control on the implementation of biosecurity rules in pig farms within restricted areas (by 30.06.2015)

No of holdings (totally) – 5771

Inspected – 1924 (33%)

Results:

- Biosecurity measures are in place – 1474 holdings (78%)
- Biosecurity measures have to be improved – 201 (10%)
- No pigs kept anymore 249 (12%)

Inspections are performed according to ASF eradication plan  
and biosecurity requirements



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# Provisional conclusions

- ASF cases are continuously found in areas already infected (296 cases in 1st semester 2015)
- Two ASF outbreaks confirmed in pigs – both in holdings with insufficient biosecurity
- High level of the awareness is reached and kept among farmers on ASF
- Continuous awareness campaigns (focused on biosecurity) are essential





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Thank you for your attention!