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ASF epidemiological situation in Bulgaria

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ASF in domestic pigs, outbreak BG-ASF-2024-00076

- Location: Saedinenie city, Plovdiv region;
- Holding category - backyard: 11 pig carcasses abounded;
- Date of confirmation - 22.03.2024;
- Disposal of carcasses, C&D;
- Epidemiological investigation - the farm of origin was located, the owner is a hunter; indirect contact with wild boar, penalty imposed .



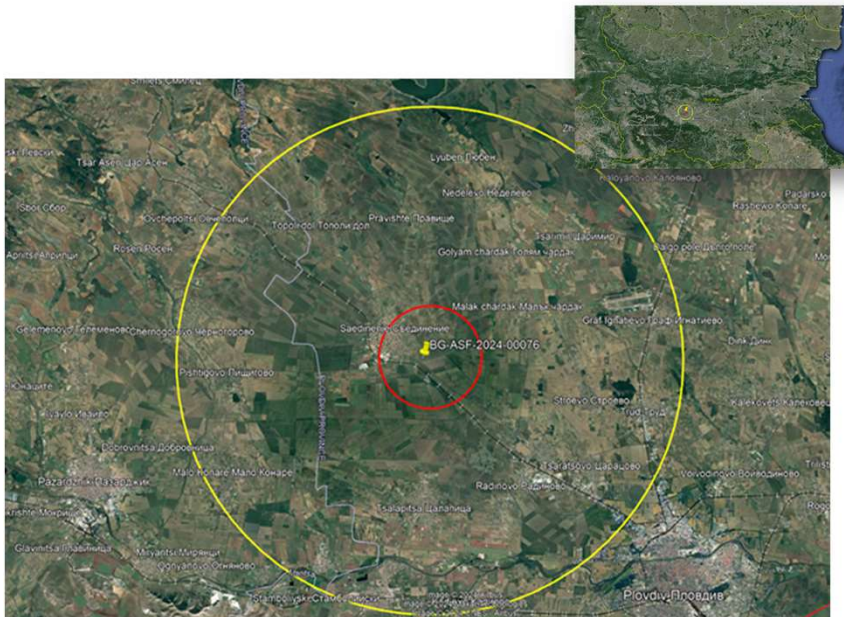
Map- location outbreak BG-ASF-2024-00076, confirmed on 22.03.2024

! The last ASF outbreak in kept porcine animals – 09/08/2023

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Control measures:

- ✓ Measures in accordance with CDR (EU) 2020/687 applied;
- ✓ Restricted zones (RZs) : 3 and 10 km zones established and to be enforced till 25.06.2024;
- ✓ Census, official inspections, clinical examinations and laboratory surveillance in the pig holdings located in the RZs.



Map- location outbreak BG-ASF-2024-00076, confirmed on 22.03.2024 and restriction zones established

Region	Zones	Category of the porcine establishment	No of establishments	Pigs, n	No of Samples	No of PCR +
Plovdiv	3 km zone	Commercial farms	1	2675	60	-
		Noncommercial farms	18	22	22	-
	10 km zone	Commercial farms	1	1503	60	-
		Noncommercial farms	42	112	75	-

Table – data on pig population and surveillance activities carried out in the RZs

ASF in domestic pigs

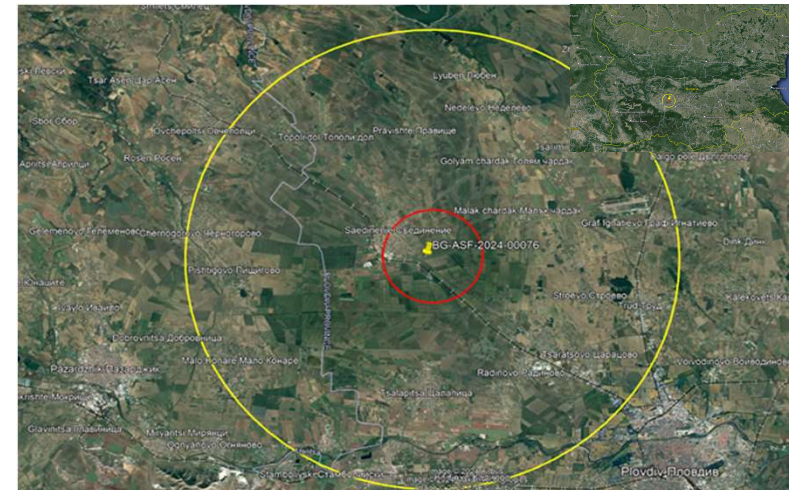
Official control and surveillance in the pig holdings in the area affected before the outbreak BG-ASF-2024-00076 (from 01.12.2023 to 15.03.2024)

Region	Zones	Category of the porcine establishment	No of establishments	Pigs, n	No of Samples from dead animals	Numer of blood samples	No of PCR +	Number of inspections	Data of last official inspection	Non complinaces	Prescriptions, n
Plovdiv	3 km zone	Commercial farms	1	2675	13	113	-	2	5.3.2024	0	0
		Non commercial farms	18	22	0	0	0	0	15.12.2023	0	0
	10 km zone	Commercial farms	1	1503	20	0		2	5.3.2024	0	0
		Non commercial farms	42	112	29	1	1		15.12.2023	1	0

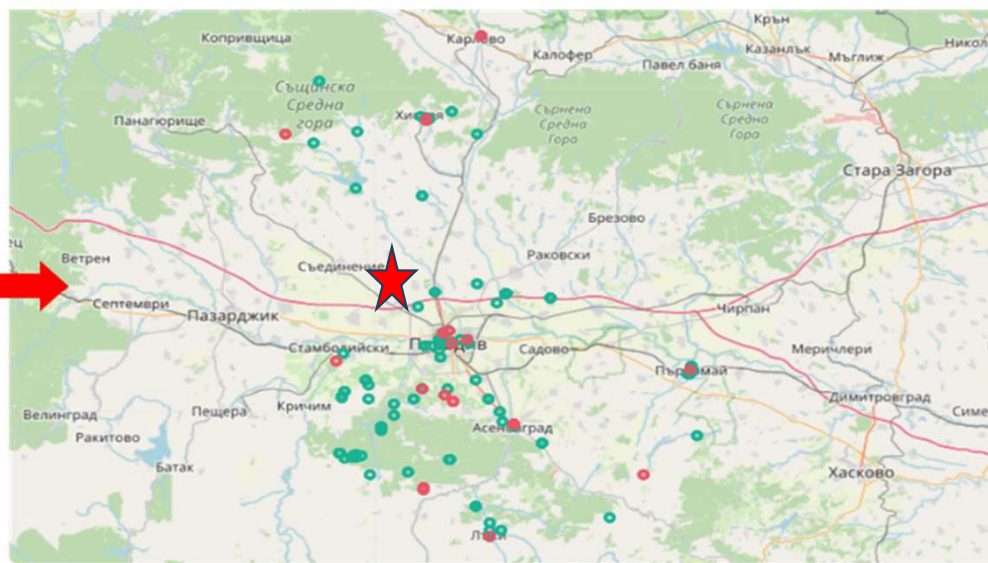
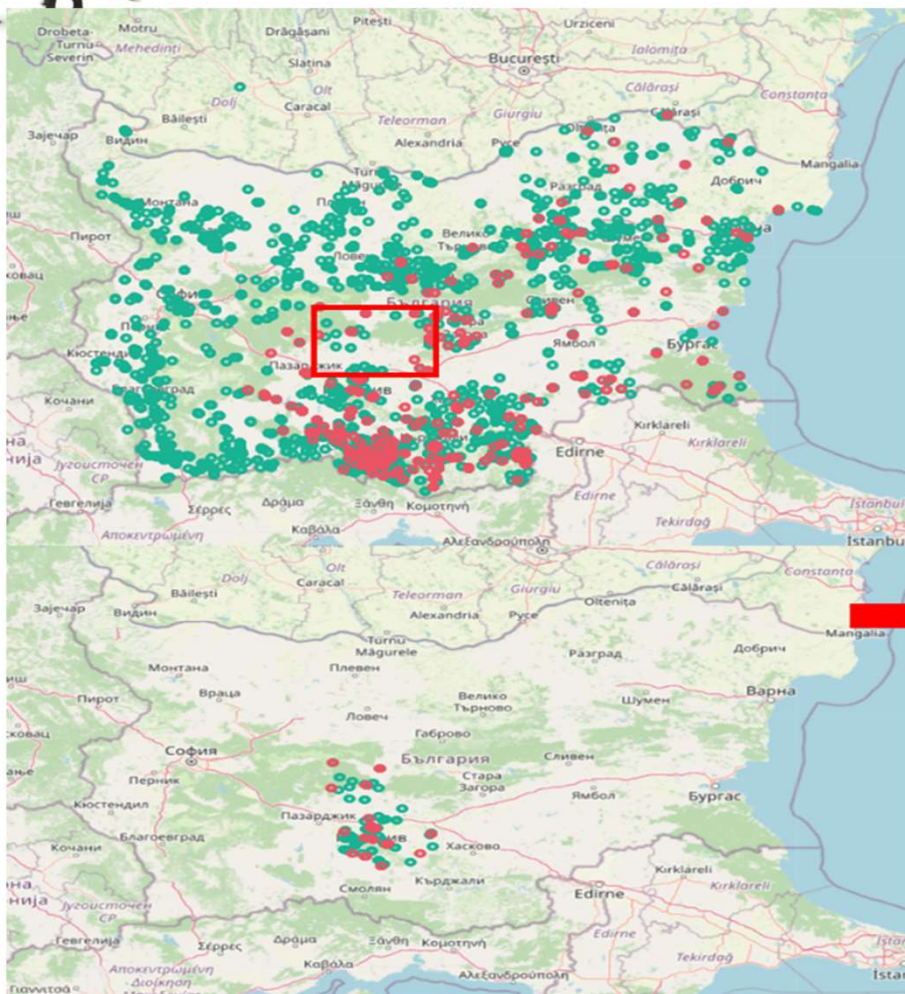
Table- pig population and surveillance activities carried out within the period 01.12.2023-15.03.2024

Intensified control for:

- ✓ Verification the implementation of the ban for live animal markets;
- ✓ Illegal keeping of pigs and movement of animals
- ✓ Illegal pig movement (with Police and local authority)



ASF in wild boar surveillance 01/12/2023-15/04/2024



- ★ BG-ASF-2024-00076
- ASF WB negative
- ASF WB positive

FURTHER CONTROL MEASURES ON THE TERRITORY OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY

- ✓ Epidemiological commissions at regional and municipal levels - cooperation and coordination between institutions in the control of the disease in kept and wild porcine animals;
- ✓ Enhanced control in the holdings with kept porcine animals (commercial and backyards);
- ✓ Awareness campaigns focused on all stakeholders to ensure their commitment in implantation of biosecurity rules, surveillance and rapid reporting.

Routine control measures in place:

- ✓ Annual Inventory of the “backyards” establishment with kept porcine animals (BG Plan for control of ASF in backyards) – three times per year (first inventory is still going on (April-May 2024);
- ✓ Regular official inspections for non-registered backyards holdings and illegal keeping of porcine animals;
- ✓ Official inspections and verification of biosecurity measures in commercial farms;
- ✓ Ban for outdoor keeping of pigs;
- ✓ Ban for live pig market;
- ✓ National plan for control of ASF in wild boar – management and surveillance in wild boar;
- ✓ Information. trainings and communication campaigns targeted to stakeholders (registered veterinarians, hunters, farmers, etc.).

CONCLUSION

- ✓ The ASF in kept porcine animals is stable. The outcomes from the surveillance activities in the restricted zones are negative, no ASF outbreaks or suspicion have been raised so far;
- ✓ The restricted zones listed in Part B of the Annex II to Reg (EU) 2023/594 – the date until applicable: 25/06/2024;
- ✓ The backyard sector is under control within the implementation of the National action plan for control of ASF in backyard, in Bulgaria;
- ✓ The pig market and outdoor pig farms in the territory of the country are forbidden;
- ✓ The annual inventory and inspections in backyards holdings in the entire territory of the country are continuing;
- ✓ The biosecurity measures in the commercial holdings with kept porcine animals are in place;
- ✓ The active and passive surveillance in WB, as well as enhance searching parties in 20 km zones around the industrial farms are in place.



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