



# African swine fever

## Swill feeding—people food is not pig food

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

**Swill feeding 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](http://business.qld.gov.au).

In addition, anything that has been in contact with swill 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 that would be considered swill should be placed in an appropriate waste bin for collection and disposal. This also includes household scraps.

**Swill 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.

### Report swill feeding

If you suspect that swill is being supplied to pig owners or pigs are being fed swill, contact **Biosecurity Queensland** on **13 25 23**.

Feeding swill to pigs or supplying swill to someone to feed to pigs may carry penalties of up to \$53,380. In cases where someone knows it is illegal to feed swill but chooses 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](http://qld.gov.au/AfricanSwineFever)

**If you keep pigs you must be registered as a biosecurity entity. Visit [qld.gov.au/BiosecurityRegistration](http://qld.gov.au/BiosecurityRegistration) to learn more.**

Subscribe to biosecurity alerts at [daf.qld.gov.au/alerts](http://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 Disease Watch Hotline** on **1800 675 888**.



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