African swine fever lessons learned:

What's next??





Feature Article

The Future of the Pig Industry After the Introduction of African Swine Fever into Asia

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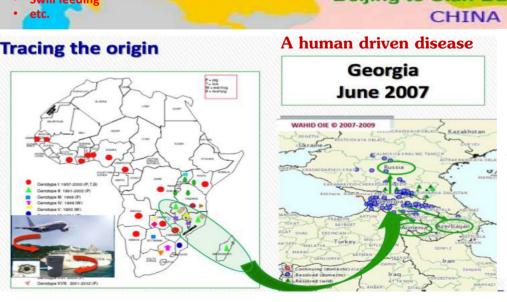


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ASF FAO meeting, BKK, September 2018

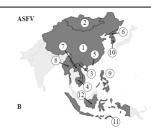






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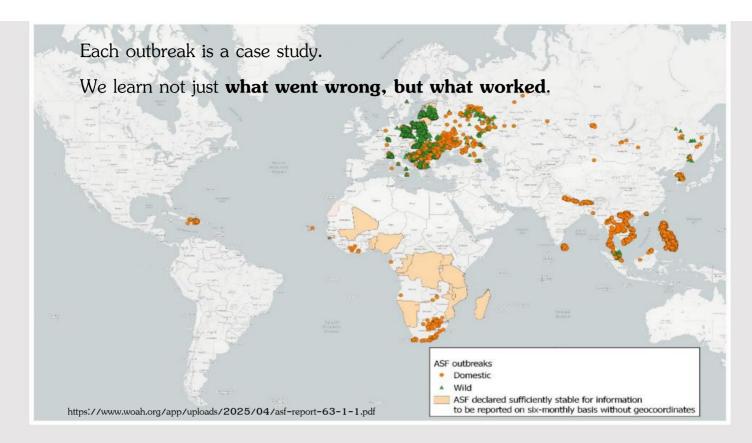
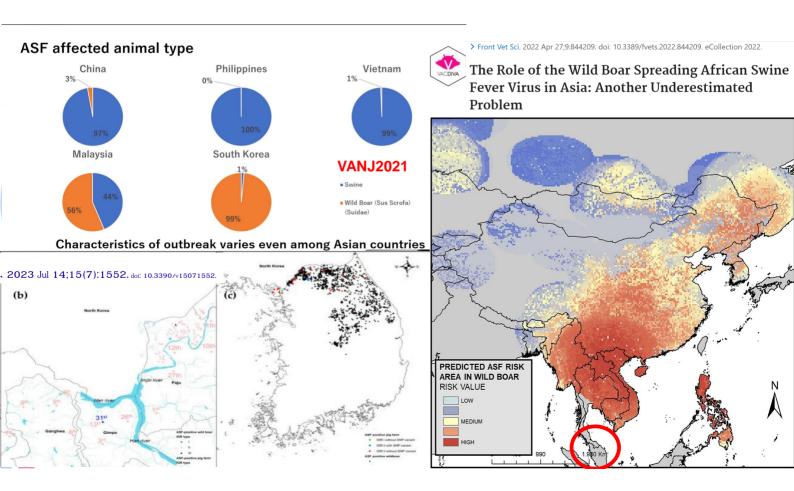
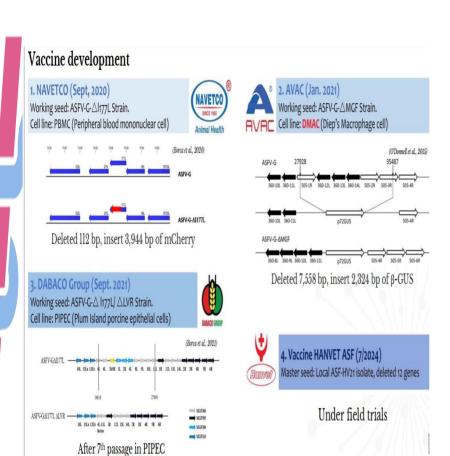


Figure 1. Map of ASF outbreaks which started during 01 Jan 2022 – 28 Feb 2025 in domestic pigs and wildlife.







Why NO vaccine for ASFV?

Large complex virus with many proteins (60-185 encoded)
Inactivated / passaged virus does not protect
Vaccine candidate antigens (viral proteins) do not protect
Vaccine trials require high containment facilities - expensive
Largely African problem (in past) - lack of commercial market.
Few groups involved in research – USA example



More research ís needed!

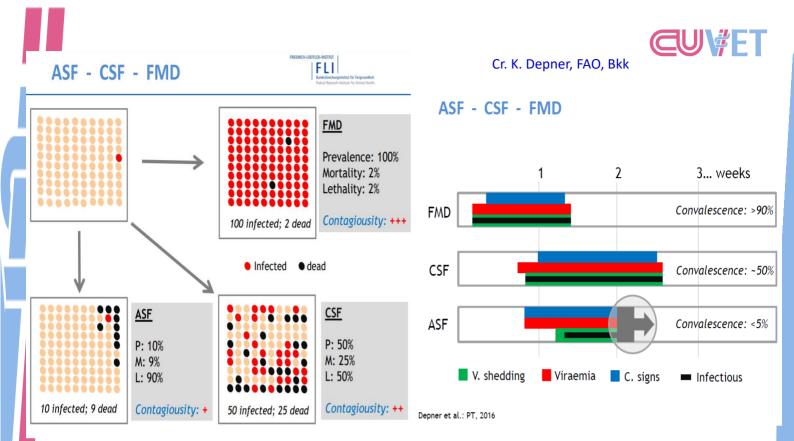
An African Swine Fever Vaccine-Like Variant with Multiple Gene Deletions

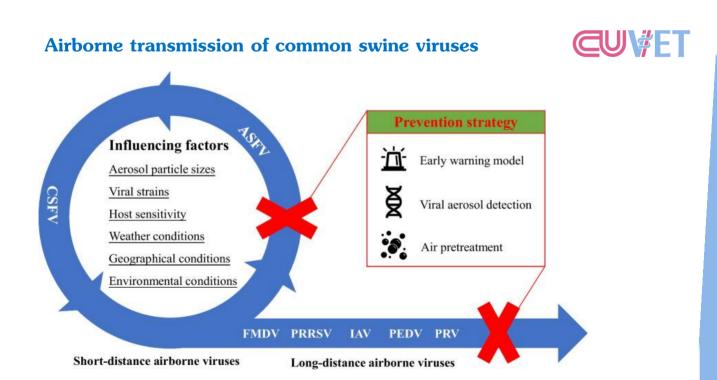
Caused Reproductive Failure in a Vietnamese Breeding Herd



Nguyen, TC, et al. (Sci. Rep., 2025)



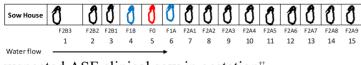




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Efficacy of "Tooth Extraction" for ASFV elimination and relevance of point of care testing for ASFV to the field



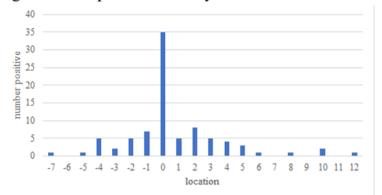


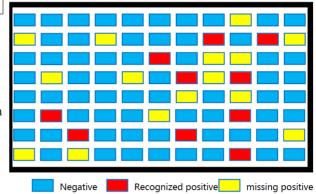
suspected ASF clinical sow in gestation^{†‡}

 $\dagger F0$ =index sow, F1= direct/closest contact neighbors, F2= indirect contact neighbors; A= "down" row, B= "up" row

‡The rationale for the sampling distribution was due to an assumption of a common water trough

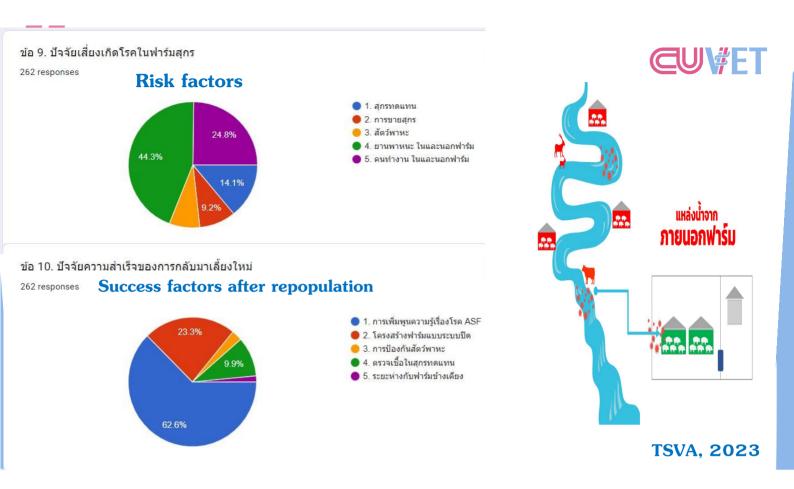
Figure 2. ASF positive sows by location from index sow



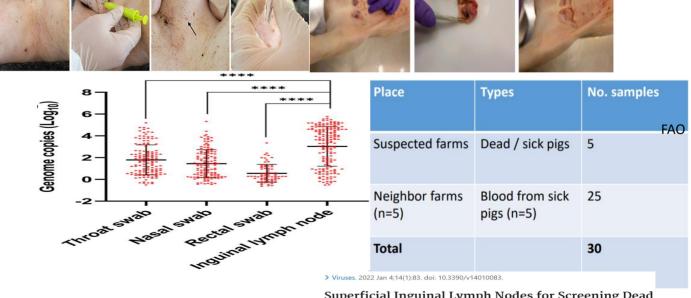


- Some infected pigs showing neither clinical signs nor positive qPCR results
- Most of the time we are too late to realize the incursion of attenuated ASFV strain on farm Avery Zeng PhD, DVM
 Gianstar Farming & Husbandry Co., Ltd





Proposed sampling strategy for outbreak investigation



•. 2022 Sep 28;9:1000969. doi: 10.3389/fvets.2022.1000969.

Superficial Inguinal Lymph Nodes for Screening Dead Pigs for African Swine Fever



Animal movement: Thai DLD regulations

การอนุญาตเคลือนย้ายสุกร หรือหมูป่า เข้า ออก หรือภายในเขตเฝ้าระวังโรคอหิวาต์แอฟริกาในสุกร

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ASF Knowledge Gap

- ASFV proteins, and ASFV-cell interactions & immune evasion
- A novel virus neutralization test (VNT) method that does not depend on porcine macrophage cell lines & CMI measurement
- Control measures for the GI-GII recombinant ASFV & farmer-based surveillance systems for early detection and reporting.
- Safety, efficacy, and genetic stability of DIVA vaccines & point-of-contact diagnostics
- A collaborative approach is the best way forward for ASF control and eradication. How to do so in real life?



"Biosecurity is your daily shield.

It's not about high tech—it's about "consistent, disciplined habits."

- Biosecurity is the most crucial method to prevent the spread of ASF until the effective vaccines are developed & available.
- Biosecurity is the first choice, but always being considered the last by some farmers.



If you take shortcuts, you get cut short.
—— Gary Busey