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**Report Name:** First Polish Pig Farm Tested ASF-positive in 2023

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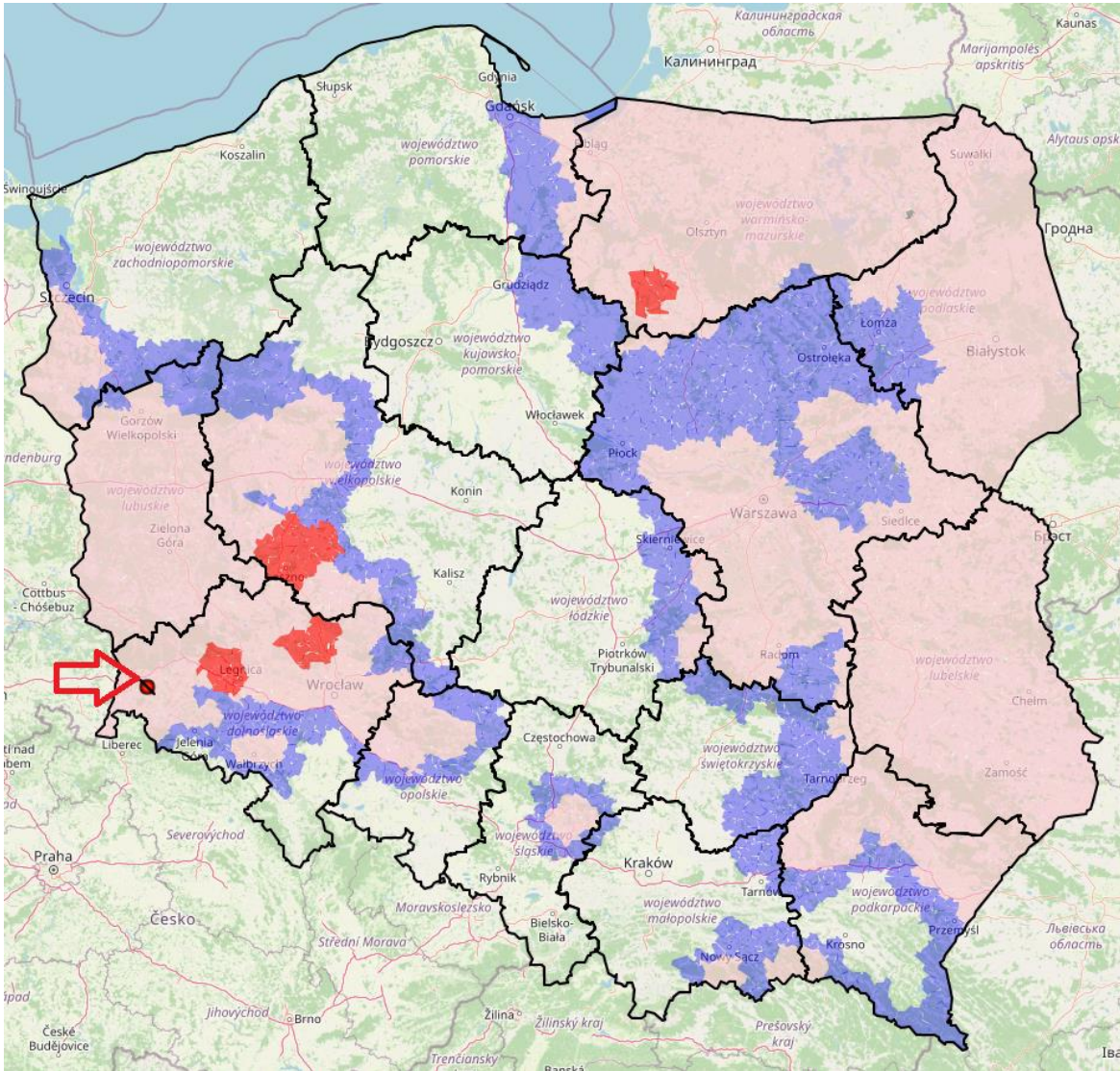
**Report Highlights:**

On April 14, 2023, the first outbreak of African swine fever (ASF) in pigs in Poland in 2023 was announced. It is the first outbreak since September 2022, detected on a small backyard farm in Dolnoslaskie (Lower Silesia) province. In the vicinity of the infected farm, numerous outbreaks in wild boars have been confirmed throughout the year. With ASF confirmation on a farm, the European Commission will need to designate a new ASF restricted area III around the outbreak.

On April 14, 2023, the Polish Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) announced the designation of the first outbreak of African swine fever (ASF) this year in pigs in Poland.

ASF outbreak number 2023/1 (primary outbreak) was confirmed on April 12, 2023. The infected farm, where 16 pigs were kept (5 sows, 10 fattening pigs, 1 boar), is located in the town of Luban, in the municipality of Luban, Luban district, Dolnoslaskie province. The farm is included in the ASF restricted area II (pink zone) listed in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/605.

### Map 1. Location of ASF Outbreak Number 2023/1

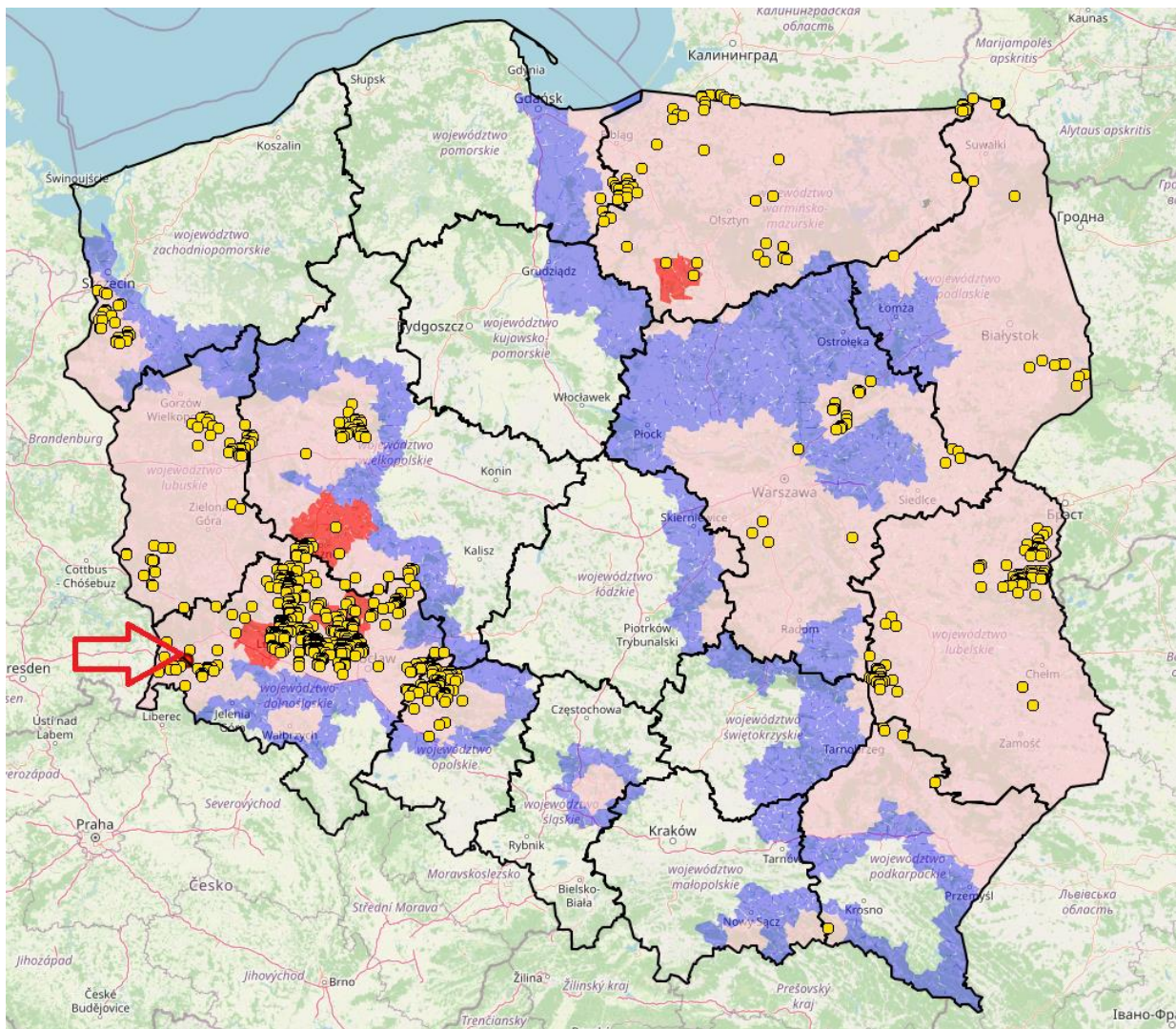


Source: General Veterinary Inspectorate

The Polish Veterinary Service is implementing all measures related to the eradication of the disease, in accordance with the procedures described in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 on the farm where the ASF outbreak was detected. This includes the culling and disposal of pigs, cleansing and disinfection, and designating protection and surveillance zones.

In the vicinity of the infected farm, numerous outbreaks in wild boars had been confirmed in 2023. In 2023, the Polish CVO reported 945 cases of ASF outbreaks in wild boars through March 31. Sixty-two percent of cases were confirmed in the western provinces bordering Germany, with the highest number in south-western Dolnoslaskie province (over half of all reported cases in Poland).

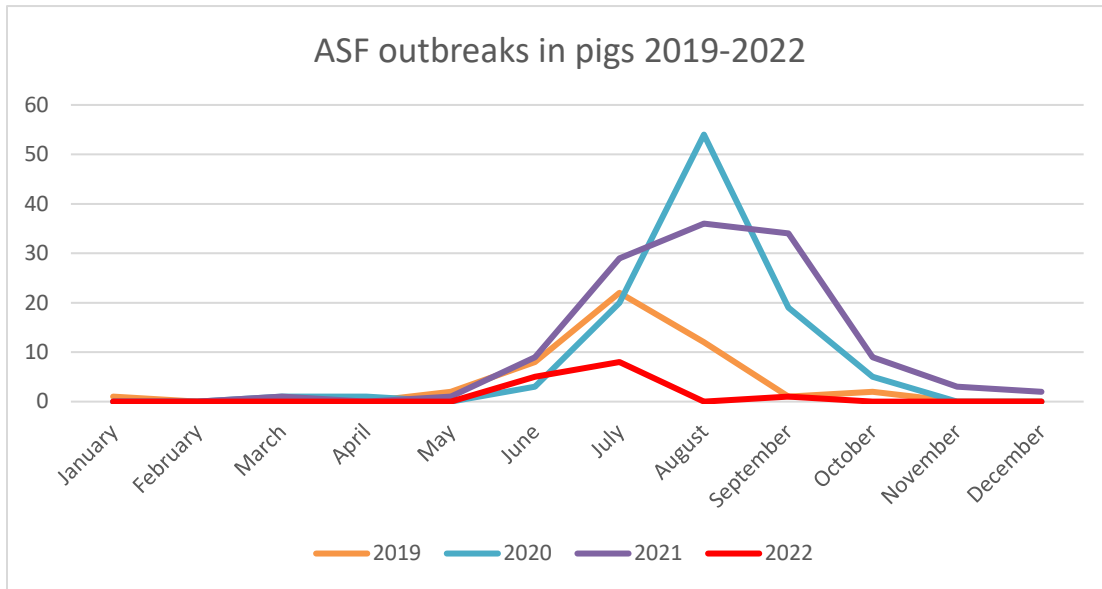
**Map 2. ASF Outbreaks in Wild Boars in 2023**



Source: General Veterinary Inspectorate

ASF outbreak number 2023/1 is the first outbreak since September 2022. In 2022, a total of 14 outbreaks were reported in Poland, which was the lowest number since 2015.

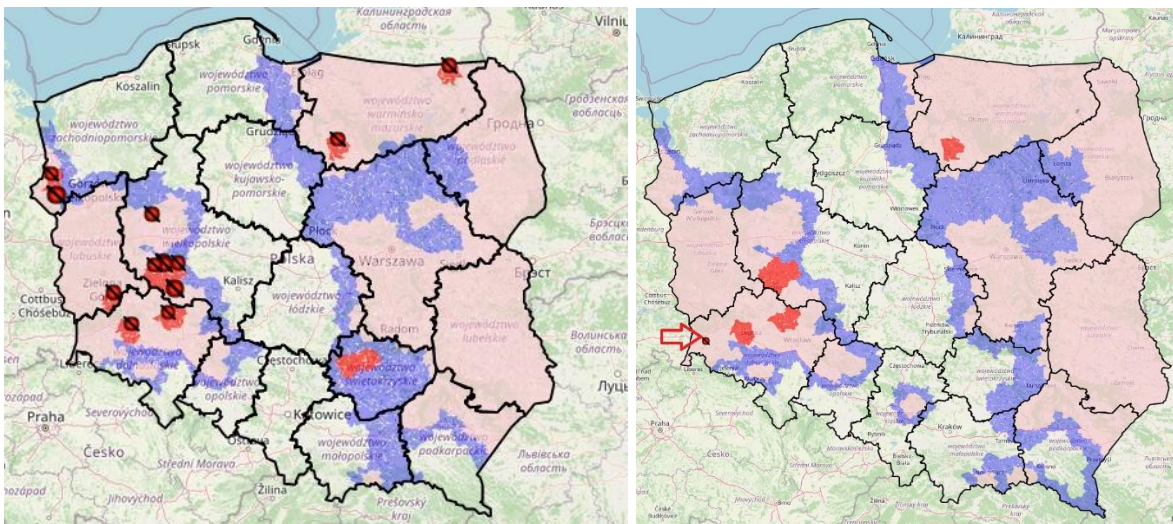
**Graph 1. Monthly ASF Outbreaks in Pigs in 2019-2022**



Source: FAS Warsaw based on General Veterinary Inspectorate’s data

The improved ASF situation also allowed Poland to limit the extent of ASF restricted areas in Poland, in particular, to eliminate many ASF restricted areas III (red zone) listed in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation 2021/605. (These areas are designated when the disease is detected both in wild boars and on pig farms, resulting in the most stringent pig trade restrictions). However, with the new ASF outbreak, the European Commission will need to designate new ASF restricted area III around the outbreak.

**Map 3. ASF Regionalization in Poland, in December 2022 (left) and April 2023 (right)**



Source: General Veterinary Inspectorate

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.