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**Report Name:** Japan Begins CSF Vaccinations of Healthy Hogs

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**Report Highlights:**

On October 25, Japan initiated vaccinations of healthy hogs to combat the spread of Classical Swine Fever (CSF), the first such vaccinations since 2006. As of October 27, seven prefectures had started to vaccinate. CSF was detected in Japan in September 2018 and has since spread to nine prefectures, resulting in approximately 147,000 hogs being culled.

**General Information:**

This report is an update to JA2019-0014.

On October 25, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) announced that six prefectures (Toyama, Ishikawa, Fukui, Gifu, Aichi and Mie) had started to vaccinate healthy hogs against CSF, the first such vaccinations since 2006. A seventh prefecture, Gunma, began vaccinations on October 27. According to the Japan Agricultural News, 1.34 million hogs at 991 facilities across eleven prefectures are likely to be vaccinated in the first round. The vaccination cost is shared by MAFF, prefectural governments, and recipient farmers. In some prefectures, farmers will be exempt from paying the cost in the first round and will be charged around 330 yen (approximately \$3) per head from the second round onward. As of October 30, approximately 147,000 hogs had been culled in nine prefectures since Classical Swine Fever (CSF) was first detected in September 2018.

Meanwhile, MAFF has started discussions on potential revisions to the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control to include pre-emptive slaughtering of hogs if an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) should occur. A draft amendment will be discussed in the Japanese Diet beginning of 2020. Japan does not currently have any confirmed cases of ASF.

For more information on Classical Swine Fever, see the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service [website](#).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.