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**Report Highlights:**

On March 23, 2020, Poland's Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) officially notified an African swine fever (ASF) outbreak on a 23,746-head pig farm in the Lubuskie Province in western Poland. The affected farm is located within the ASF restricted zone, approximately 60 kilometers from the German border. Veterinary authorities implemented protection and surveillance procedures to contain the outbreak. This outbreak marks Poland's first commercial ASF outbreak in 2020.

On March 23, 2020, Poland's CVO announced that the National Veterinary Research Institute in Puławy confirmed a case of ASF on a hog farm with 23,746 pigs. The farm is located in the village Niedoradz, in the Nowa Sol County, in the Lubuskie Province in western Poland. The farm specializes in raising breeding sows and producing piglets. At the time of the ASF outbreak, there were 6,904 sows, 16,037 piglets, 776 weaners, and 29 boars on the farm. Veterinary authorities implemented all procedures to contain and control the outbreak by establishing protected and surveillance zones around the farm and in the immediate area. This marks Poland's first commercial ASF outbreak in 2020. The farm is located in an area already listed in a restricted zone in Poland's regionalization plan, as per Part II of the Annex of the Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. The Lubuskie Province, which borders Germany, has been restricted under Poland's ASF regionalization plan since November 2019 following ASF detections in wild boars. From November 2019 to date, 146 ASF cases have been confirmed in Nowa Sol County in the Lubuskie Province. Earlier wild boar ASF cases were confirmed at distances of 1.5 to 2.0 kilometers from the affected pig farm. The General Veterinary Inspectorate (GVI) is working to determine to whom and where they were sold. According to the [map](#) available on the GVI's website, 1,436 ASF cases in wild boars have been confirmed in Poland since the beginning of 2020. For comparison, in the same period of 2019 there were only 650 cases of the disease.

In Germany, Saxon authorities have completed the construction of a 128-kilometer electric fence along the Polish border to protect against ASF, which reportedly cost €250,000. The electric fence is about 30 inches high and also emits odors that wild boars avoid. German and Polish vet authorities maintain close contact to protect against the introduction of ASF into Germany.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.