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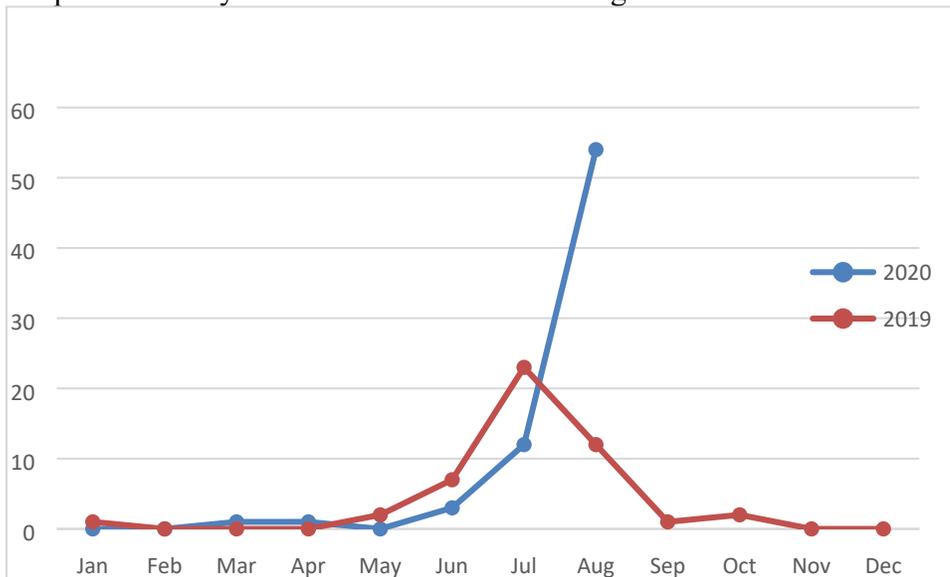
**Report Highlights:**

From January 1, 2020, through August 28, Poland has detected 71 African swine fever (ASF) cases among domestic hogs and 3,078 cases in wild boars. August 2020 set a record 54 domestic ASF cases, most of which occurred on smallholder farms in the Lubelskie and Warmia-Mazury Provinces in eastern Poland. Polish veterinary authorities implemented the prescribed protection and surveillance protocols to contain the outbreaks.

## General Information

From January 1, 2020, through August 28, Poland's Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) officially notified 71 domestic ASF cases and 3,078 cases among wild boars. July and August saw a significant uptick of ASF cases, mainly on smallholder hog farms located in the Lubelskie and in the Warmia-Mazury Provinces in eastern Poland (Graph 1). These cases were confirmed on farms located in areas already listed in the Annex to Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures related to ASF. Veterinary authorities implemented all prescribed protocols to contain and control the virus by establishing protected and surveillance zones around the farms and in the immediate area.

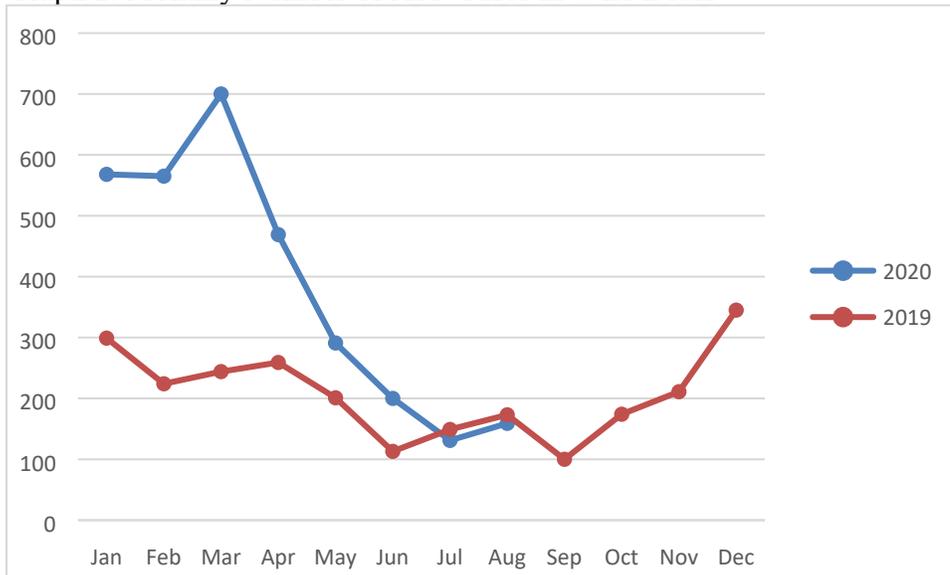
Graph 1. Monthly Number of ASF Cases in Hogs



Source: *Source: [Monthly report](#) on notifiable animal diseases published by the General Veterinary Inspectorate (GVI)*

ASF cases often increase during summer months, but the summer 2020 spike, to date, is over double the case numbers in summer 2019. According to the CVO, over 80 percent of farms in the Lubelskie have between one and 10 pigs. These smallholder farms generally practice minimal biosecurity measures. In mid-August, the CVO declared that all pigs within a one-kilometer radius of an infected farm are to be culled. The monthly ASF rate among wild boars (Graph 2) also indicates a significant increase in the number of cases during the first eight months of 2020 over the same period in 2019. As of August 28, 2020, 3,078 wild boar cases were confirmed cases. According to the CVO, despite intensive hunting, the wild boar population in eastern Poland, which is largely forested, still remains too high to effectively control the virus in that region.

Graph 2. Monthly Number of ASF Cases in Wild Boars



Source: Monthly report on notifiable animal diseases published by the GVI

An interactive [map](#) of ASF cases in pigs and wild boars is available on the Polish General Veterinary Inspectorate's website. The most recent map is prepared based on EC Implementing Decision 2020/1211 of August 20, 2020. None of meat processing plants eligible to export pork and pork products to the United States are located in the new outbreak areas.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.