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Report Highlights:

Taiwan announced a pilot program to begin the process for eliminating the use of vaccinations against classical swine fever (CSF). If successful, the program will eliminate the need for CSF vaccinations on Taiwan within approximately two years. Taiwan hopes to eradicate CSF without the need for vaccinations in order to return to the pork export market, from which it has been mostly blocked since 1997.

General Information:

In February 2021, Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA) announced the details of a pilot program to begin the process to eliminate the use of vaccinations to prevent classical swine fever (CSF).

Beginning in late February 2021, the program will select 300 pig farms in Taiwan for participation. At each farm, two or three piglets from each litter will not receive a CSF vaccine. Unvaccinated pigs will intermingle and be co-bred with vaccinated pigs.

COA expects to have the first report on the pilot program by November 2021. If the program is successful, COA hopes to be able to end CSF vaccinations within two years.

Since 2020, Taiwan has been recognized by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) as free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) without vaccination. Eradicating CSF without the use of vaccination remains the major animal health hurdle to Taiwan's ambitions to return to the fresh pork export market. Taiwan currently has limited market access for pork products in Macau, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Vietnam.

COA spent about NT\$500 million (US\$ 17.6 million) on the program to eliminate FMD and expects to spend about the same on the CSF program.

Taiwan has not had an outbreak of CSF in over 10 years and has not detected any trace of the CSF virus in the herd in the past two years. Taiwan's pig production has been almost entirely for domestic consumption since an FMD outbreak in 1997.

See also:

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