

# Japan culls livestock after hog cholera outbreak

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Japan is suffering its first outbreak of pig cholera in more than 25 years, authorities said Sunday after culling more than 600 animals and suspending pork exports.

A [farm](#) in central Japan saw 80 pigs die last week after catching the highly-contagious disease, an agricultural ministry official told AFP.

Early tests showed negative results for classical swine fever, as the illness is officially known.

But follow-up tests came out positive Sunday, prompting the cull of all 610 [pigs](#) at the farm, he added.

"We are now processing the livestock there and disinfecting the farm," he said, adding that officials had set up sterilisation points on access roads to the affected farm.

The government has set up a team of specialists to analyse possible infection routes, the agricultural ministry said in a statement.

Tokyo halted [pork](#) exports after the outbreak was confirmed. The nation sold roughly \$9 million in raw pork meat to foreign markets last year.

Japan saw its last case of classic swine fever, which does not affect humans, in 1992.

The disease continues to rage in many parts of Asia, Europe and Latin America.

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