



North East Progressive Pig Farmers Association

উত্তৰ-পূৰ্বাঞ্চলৰ প্ৰগতিশীল গাহৰি পালকৰ সংস্থা

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To
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Observation and Recommendations to Combat African Swine Fever

Respected Sir,

In the context of presence of African Swine Fever Virus in the states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, the Northeast Progressive Pig Farmers' Association would like to make the following observations and recommendations for your kind consideration and implementation:

1. Farms of NEPPFA members are self-contained. There is no open foraging for the pigs in our farms and therefore no interaction with wild pigs or those pigs of other farms. Vaccinations and bio-security measures are strictly implemented in our farms. And we assure to continue the same practices in the future.
2. On behalf of the members, NEPPFA would like to request the Government and the concerned line department to extend help to the farmers with material and logistic support in further strengthening the biosecurity and prevention of any possible outbreak in the farms. NEPPFA would like to request the veterinary department to emphasise on communicating the applicable best practices to the farmers of all levels of the land.
3. Farmers affiliated to NEPPFA are committed to adhere to all the guidelines issued by the government in containing an outbreak. We assure that there would be no movement of animals nor any material exchange between farms during such an outbreak emergency.
4. In the unfortunate event of a suspected outbreak of notifiable contagious diseases (e.g. ASF, CSF, etc.) in an organized farm, NEPPFA would like to request the Government and the concerned department(s) to first confirm the cases diagnostically, before deciding on the control strategy, especially the ones that might require euthanising the herd.
5. NEPPFA strongly opposes and will oppose any recommendation for blanket culling of farm animals in organized farms without any diagnostically confirmed cases. In cases of organized farms, with established biosecurity measures, decision of euthanising the herd should only be taken if and only if at least one case from the farm is diagnostically confirmed. Organized farms in the neighbourhood with a diagnostically confirmed infected farm, but with zero case and not sharing border with the diagnostically confirmed infected farm should be excluded from mass euthanasiation, but should be kept under active surveillance.

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6. In the unfortunate event of at least one diagnostically confirmed case of notifiable contagious diseases (e.g. ASF, CSF, etc.) in an organized farm, the farmers affiliated to NEPPFA are committed to adhere to all the guidelines applicable to contain the outbreak. They are committed to co-operate with the enforcement agents of the Government and the concerned department(s) in implementation of the prescribed control measures, including euthanising the herds in farms with at least one diagnostically confirmed case.

7. If there is a confirmed outbreak and a culling decision has to be taken, then NEPPFA would like to request the Government to pay the following compensation to the organized pig farmers:


- i) For breeding animals:- Rs.300 per kg live weight
- ii) For Fattening animal:- Rs.150 per kg live weight
- iii) For Piglets more than 1 month @ Rs.5000/- per piece

8. NEPPFA also would like to request the Government to compensate those commercial farmers who have lost animals due to the viral outbreak and whose losses have been duly recorded with the veterinary department/ who has proof of the loss of the animals due to the viral outbreak.

We place our trust in the department and believe that our recommendations will be considered.

Respectfully,


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