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## Ecuador

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### Ecuador's AGROCALIDAD Reports Swine Fever Outbreak

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 24, 2013, Ecuador's Animal and Plant Health Quality Agency -AGROCALIDAD- officially reported an outbreak of Swine Fever Outbreak near Ecuador's capital Quito.

### **Classical Swine Fever Outbreak in Ecuador, January 2013**

On January 25, 2013, Ecuador's Animal and Plant Health Quality Agency (AGROCALIDAD), a branch of Ecuador's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries, officially reported a Classical Swine Fever (cholera) outbreak on a farm in the Santo Domingo Province. The farm is located in the parish of Puerto Limon about 3 hours west of Ecuador's capital Quito. The farm where the infected animal was located is under quarantine due to the outbreak.

AGROCALIDAD is reportedly assessing what measures should be taken and a vaccination campaign will be undertaken. AGROCALIDAD first detected the presence of the disease in the area in December. More than 200 piglets have been reported dead due to the outbreak. Pork producers in the area are concerned that they may not be able to afford the vaccination (at US\$0.35 per animal) and have asked the Government of Ecuador to subsidize this cost.