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First Case of H1N1 Influenza Found in Pig Herds in Norway

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Report Highlights:

A total of 1,400 pigs will be slaughtered and destroyed after novel H1N1 influenza was confirmed in two pig herds in Nord-Trondelag in Norway last week. The Norwegian Food Safety Authority is following up with mapping and sampling of the herds in the vicinity. So far, no further cases have been reported.

General Information:

On October 10, 2009, the first case of novel 2009 H1N1 influenza was found in a pig herd in Nord-Trondelag in Norway. One sow and a few piglets carried the flu which had been transmitted from the farmer.

After follow-up tests by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority at nearby farms, another herd of pigs in Nord-Trøndelag was found infected with the flu on October 12.

Restrictions were immediately imposed on the affected farms and no animals were allowed to or from the farms. To prevent the disease from spreading, the Norwegian Food Safety Authority has decided to slaughter and destroy all pigs at the affected farms (about 1,400 animals).

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority is following up with mapping and sampling of the herds in the vicinity. It's still too soon to predict how widespread the disease is, but so far, no further cases have been reported.