

Foot-and-mouth disease confirmed in two S.Korean pig farms

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South Korea Monday confirmed two cases of foot-and-mouth disease at pig farms, the first known outbreak in seven months.

The farms in the southeastern city of Andong have been quarantined and a total of 9,000 pigs on the two properties will be slaughtered, the agriculture ministry said.

All cloven-hoofed animals within a radius of three kilometres (two miles) of the farms would also be culled, the ministry said. Officials are investigating the cause of the outbreak.

Previous outbreaks in January and April cost more than 250 billion won (216 million dollars) and left nearly 50,000 animals slaughtered.

Foot-and-mouth disease affects cloven-hoofed animals such as [cattle](#), [pigs](#), deer, goats and sheep.

[South Korea](#) ordered a halt to pork and beef exports in January when an outbreak was confirmed at Pocheon northeast of Seoul.

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