

# WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT WILD BOAR?

## WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

- Wild boar at large are one of the most detrimental invasive species in North America, with **damage costing an estimated \$1.9 billion CAD per year**. Their digging and rolling habits **completely destroy ecosystems**, and they are **predators to livestock and wildlife**.
- They reproduce alarmingly fast, with an ability to have 6 piglets at a time, twice a year, starting from age 5-12 months. The lifespan is 9 years, so if you do the math, **1 wild boar at large can produce 102 piglets in their life**.
- Wild boar at large **host 89 diseases that can transmit to livestock, humans, and wildlife**. Some of these could cause a severe outbreak, shutting down Alberta pork and beef exports and leading to devastating financial losses.
- They are extremely difficult to control, as **hunting is not effective and only accelerates the issue**. Wild Boar at large are intelligent. When hunted, they quickly learn to disperse, avoid humans, change movement patterns, and become nocturnal. **The only effective control method is for trained personnel to trap and eliminate the entire group.**



## WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

You can find more information online at [abinvasives.ca/squeal-on-pigs](http://abinvasives.ca/squeal-on-pigs) or by contacting the Agricultural Fieldman at 403-646-3131 or [ag@ranchland66.com](mailto:ag@ranchland66.com).



## ISAW A WILD BOAR... NOW WHAT?

If you see a wild boar at large in MD of Ranchland, **call Rick Niwa at 403-646-3131 immediately**. Remember, do not hunt them! Hunting is not an effective option, as it further disperses the group. When you report it to the municipality, we will make all arrangements and work with you so that monitoring, trapping, and removal are done in a timely and effective manner to prevent further damage, breeding, or spreading.

## WHAT ARE THE DOS AND DON'TS?

### DO:

- Know how to identify wild boar at large and their signs in the environment.
- Call the Agricultural Fieldman if you see one.

### DO NOT:

- Hunt wild boar at large.
- Share photos on social media if you see one. Some people do not know the negative impacts of these animals and want them established for recreational hunting. By sharing, it alerts these people that wild boar at large are here and may attract unwanted hunters from other areas.

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