

Swine Fever Due to Theft

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Animal feed thefts may be to blame for the latest outbreaks of African Swine Fever on industrial farms, the country's food safety watchdog said on its website.

In two instances in the Tver and Krasnodar regions, hog feed was stolen from industrial farms and it's possible that the bags used to carry the feed out came from private yards and helped spread the infection, Alexei Alekseyenko, spokesman for the watchdog, said Thursday.

About 30 virus outbreaks have been registered across the country in private yards and industrial farms so far this year, Alekseyenko said. On Aug. 8 and July 26, two of Oleg Deripaska's farms in the Krasnodar region were forced to kill 7,809 hogs due to a recent outbreak, according to Basic Element.

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