



# GF-TADs

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF  
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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**Second meeting (SGE2)**  
**Tallinn, Estonia, 11- 12 February 2015**

**LATVIA report**

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# Change in the ASF epidemiology since the SGE1 (Minsk, December 1-2 2015)

## Wild boars

Summary of 2014:

- 4532 wild boar tested to ASF
- **217** wild boar positive to ASF (178 found dead, 39 hunted)

Current situation – since the beginning of 2015

- 1053 wild boar tested to ASF
- **39** wild boar positive to ASF (33 found dead, 6 hunted)

## Domestic pigs

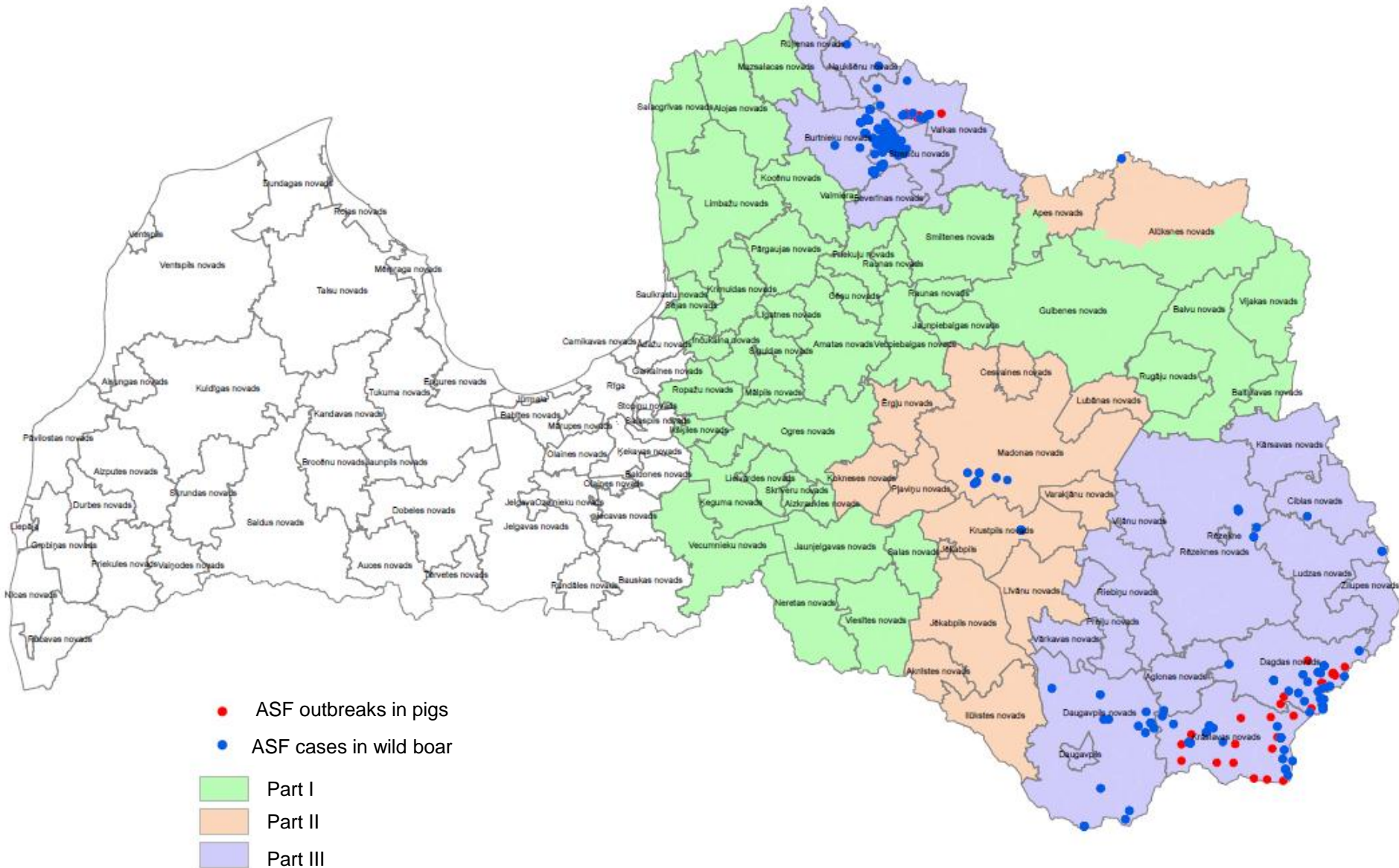
Last outbreak in domestic pigs registered in 17th September, 2014



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# Summary of ASF in pigs and wild boar in Latvia in 2014





# Latest cases in wild boar in Latvia



# Revised policies / strategies for ASF control in wild boar following the SGE1 (Minsk, December 1-2 2015)

## Hunting practices:

- In general, no changes in hunting practices since last meeting
- Driven hunting is prohibited in ASF affected areas
- Driven hunting in free areas is prolonged till March 1, 2015

## Winter feeding:

Restrictions set by the Cabinet of Ministers (No.745) are in place since December 10, 2014:

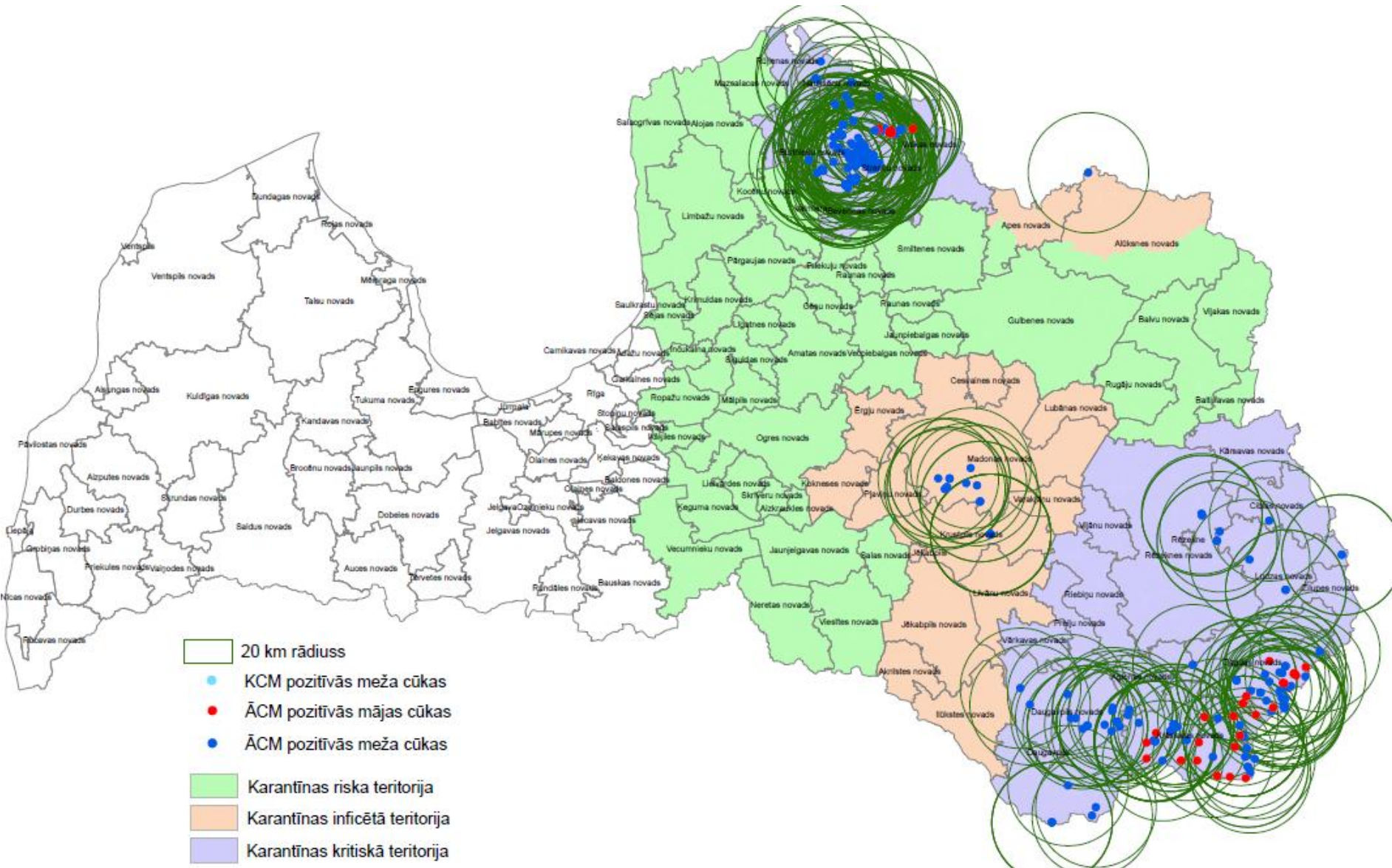
- Feeding directly on the ground is prohibited
- Use of feeders with dosage option only
- Restrictions on the amount of feed– 400 l to 1000 ha



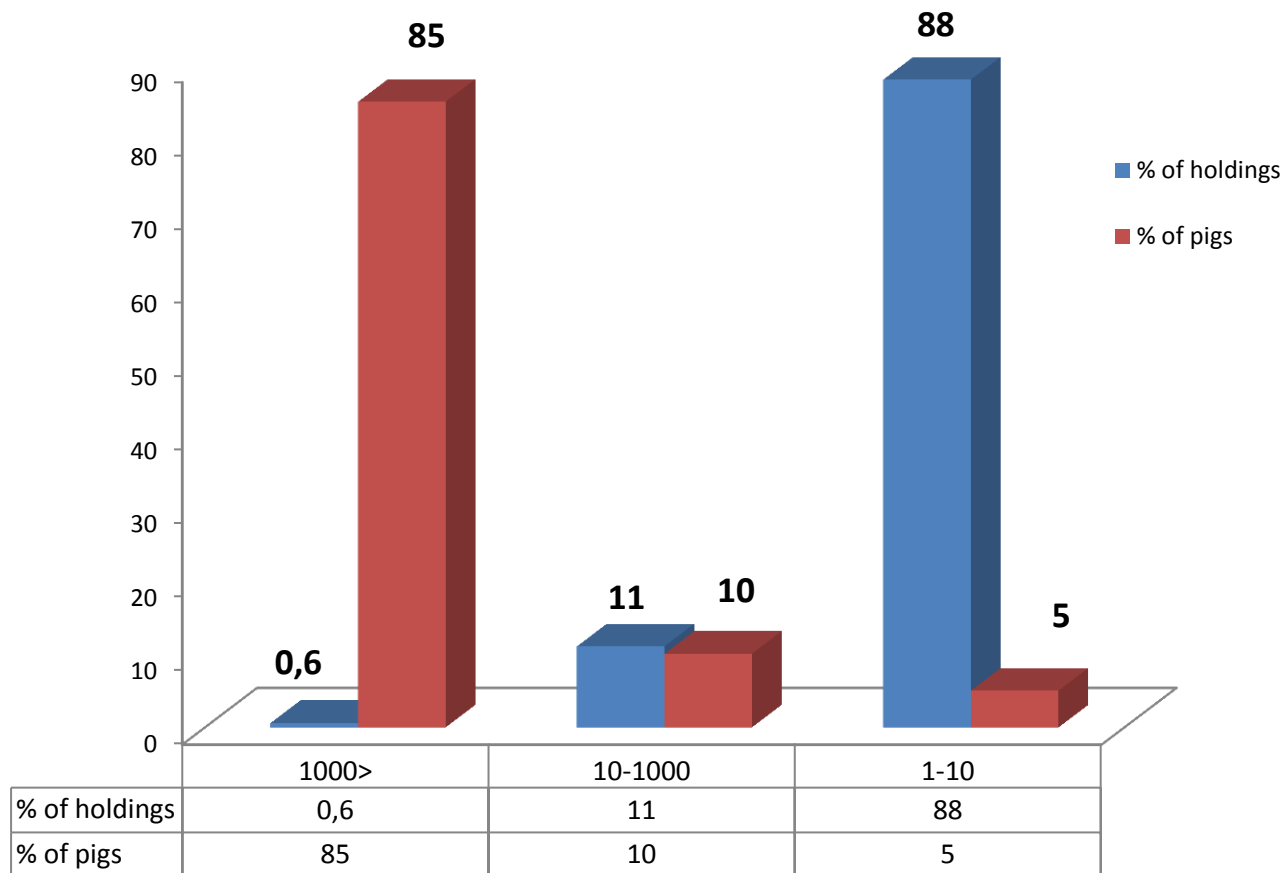
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# Driven hunting restriction areas in Latvia



# Structure of pig sector in Latvia



In total:

8132 pig  
holdings

351 000 pigs



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# Categorization and biosecurity requirements for pig farms

In a context of biosecurity 3 categories of pig farms are defined:

- Commercial farms
- Non-commercial farms (including backyards)
- Outdoor keeping farms

Biosecurity requirements are set by the Cabinet of ministers No.621 (23.07.2014.)

- Different requirements are set for commercial and non-commercial pig farms
- No compensation schemes in place at the moment linked to biosecurity aspects



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# Biosecurity aspects in commercial farms

Obligation to elaborate biosecurity plan:

- Adapted to farm activities/management – close or open cycle, etc.
- Food and Veterinary Service ensures regular controls in order to check the status of implementation of biosecurity plan
- in 2015 each commercial farm will be inspected twice (entire country)
- Specific controls are planned also in all small pig farms located in 10km radius around commercial farms (entire country)



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# Biosecurity aspects in non-commercial holdings (including backyards)

No biosecurity plan, but:

- Obligation to implement biosecurity requirements as set by the legislation (specific Annex)
- Policy on preventive emptying of low biosecurity holdings – was in place July 23, 2014 – January 9, 2015
  - As a result, in 2014 - *5923 pigs were slaughtered in 1633 holdings*
  - *compensations were paid to animal owners*
- Planned inspections in 2015 – all farms twice in Part II and Part III, and once in Part I and free areas (depending on capacity FVS)



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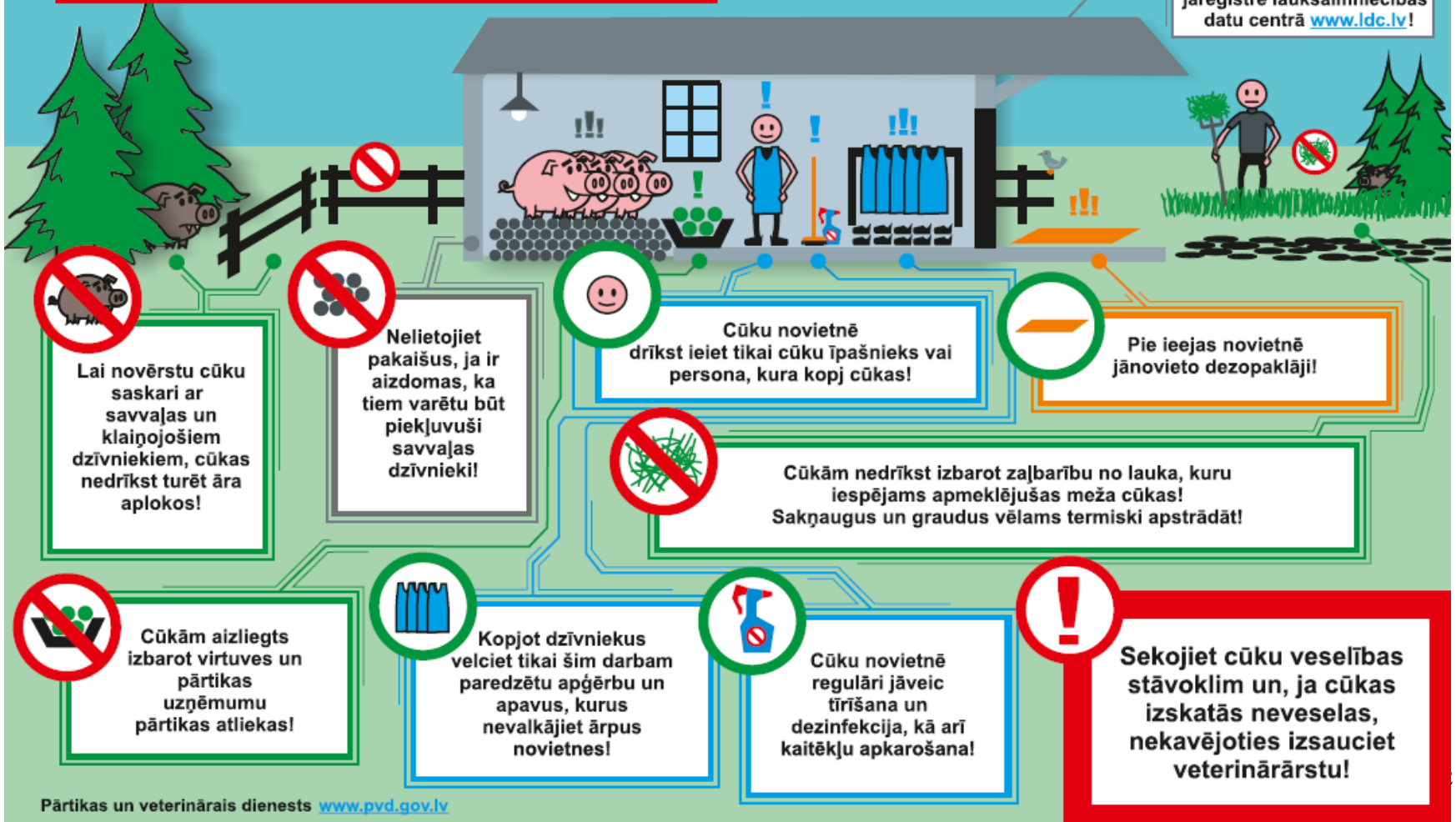
# Poster on biosecurity prepared for pig farmers

## UZMANĪBU

KAS JĀIEVĒRO, LAI PASARGĀTU CŪKU NOVIETNI NO ĀFRIKAS CŪKU MĒRA (ĀCM) UN CITĀM CŪKU INFEKCIJAS SLIMĪBĀM

Biodrošības pasākumi cūku turētājiem, kuri tur cūkas pašpatēriņam

Novietne un cūkas jāreģistrē lauksaimniecības datu centrā [www.ldc.lv](http://www.ldc.lv)!



# Biosecurity aspects in free ranging holdings

**In general, it is prohibited to keep pigs outdoors!!!**

Exception is set for the following categories:

- wild boar (farmed game) kept in fenced territories
- exotic pig species ( Mangalica pigs)

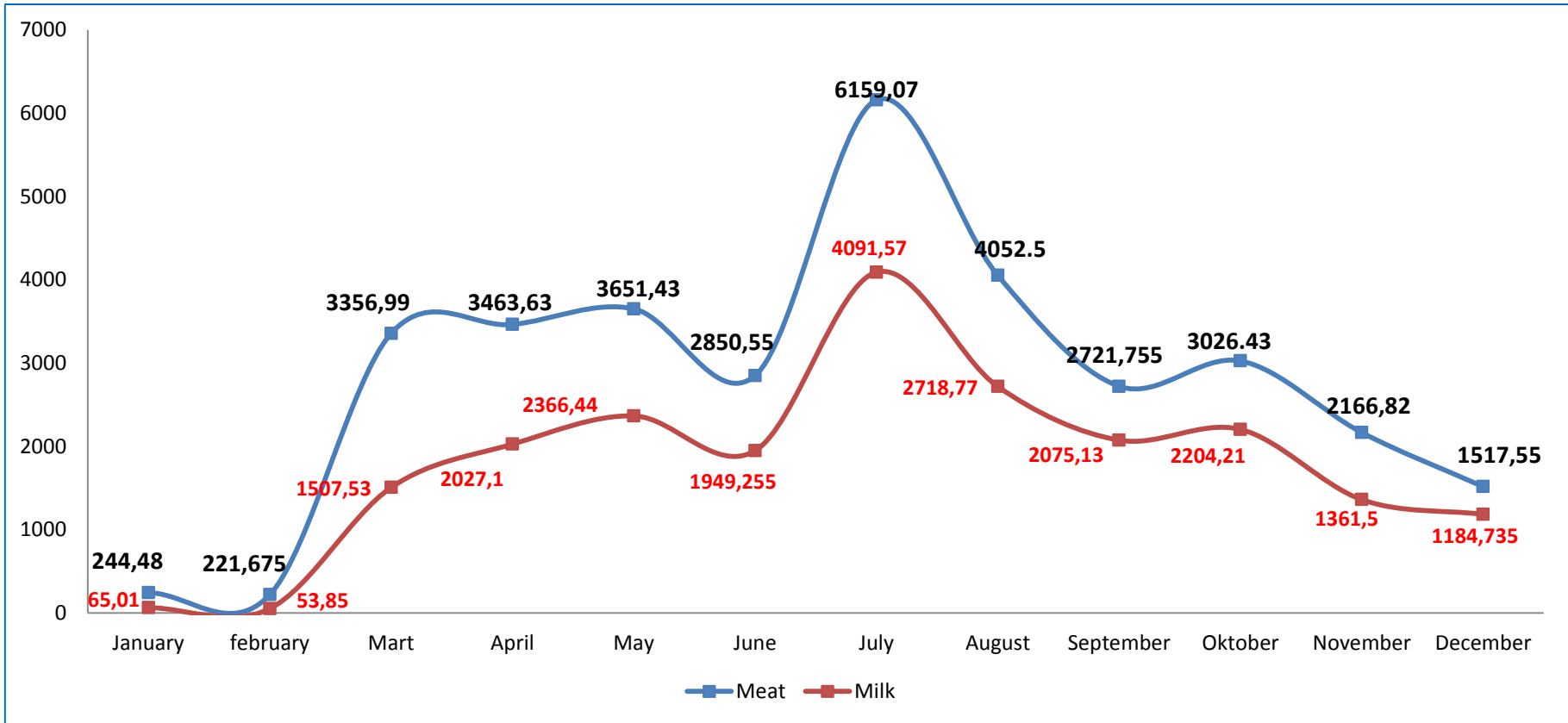
Specific additional requirement – double fence!



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# Amount of meat/milk products (kg) taken out on the border with third countries in 2014



## Summary:

Meat and meat products: **33,41 tons**

Milk and milk products: **21,60 tons**

# Waste management – mobile incinerator Hurikan 1000



# Animal of the year 2015 in Latvia

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for your  
attention!



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