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Overview of the SGP epidemiological situation in Greece

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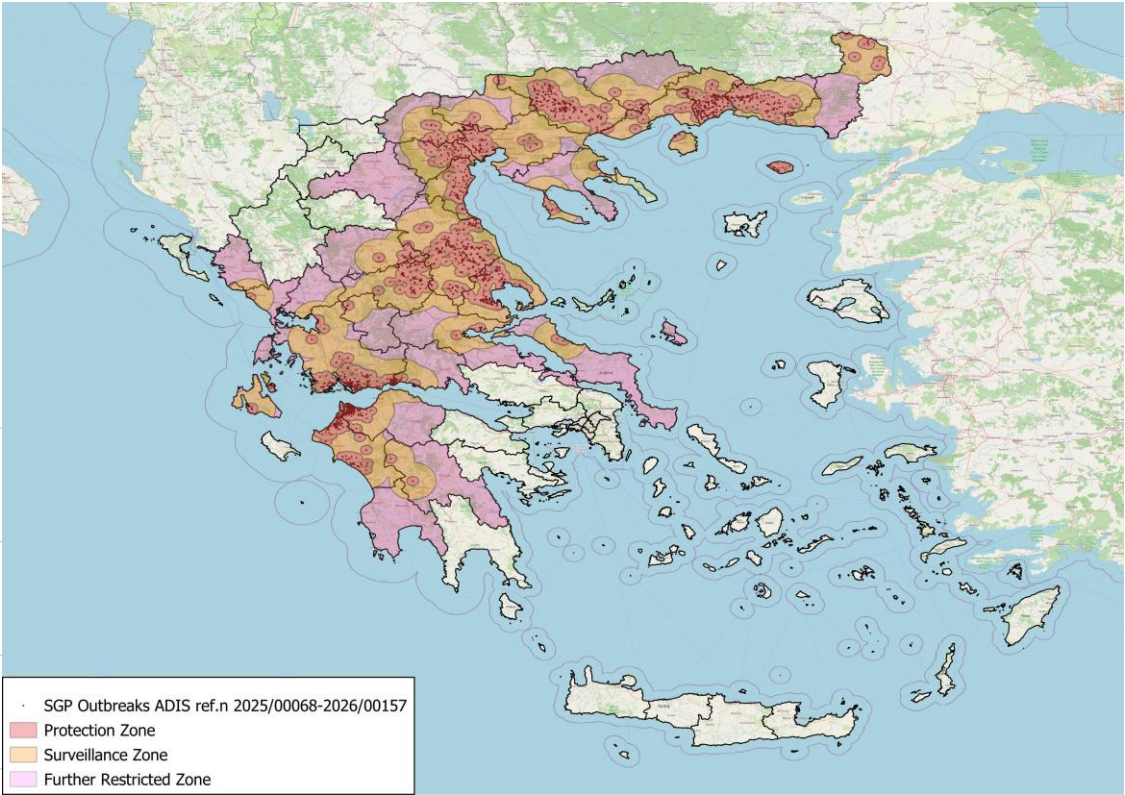
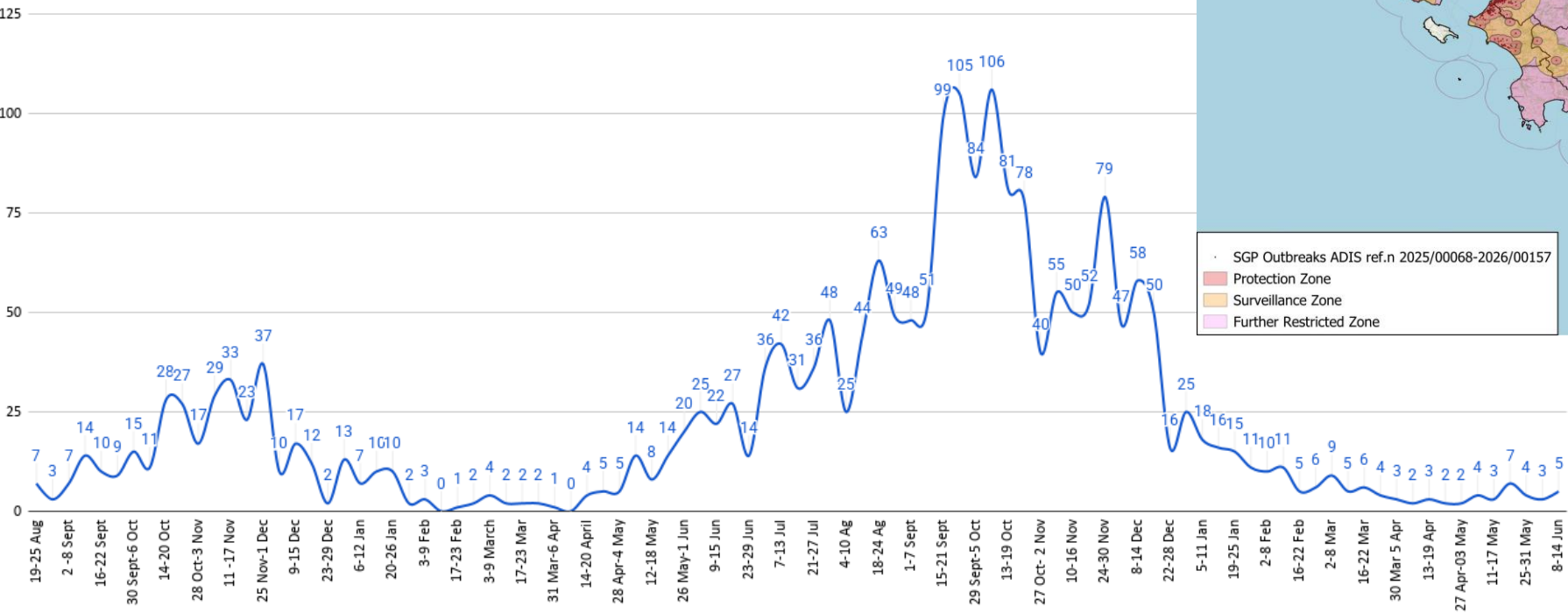
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2nd SGE for PPR-SGP in Europe- 29 June 2026

Sheep and Goat Pox evolution: August 2024 – 26 June 2026

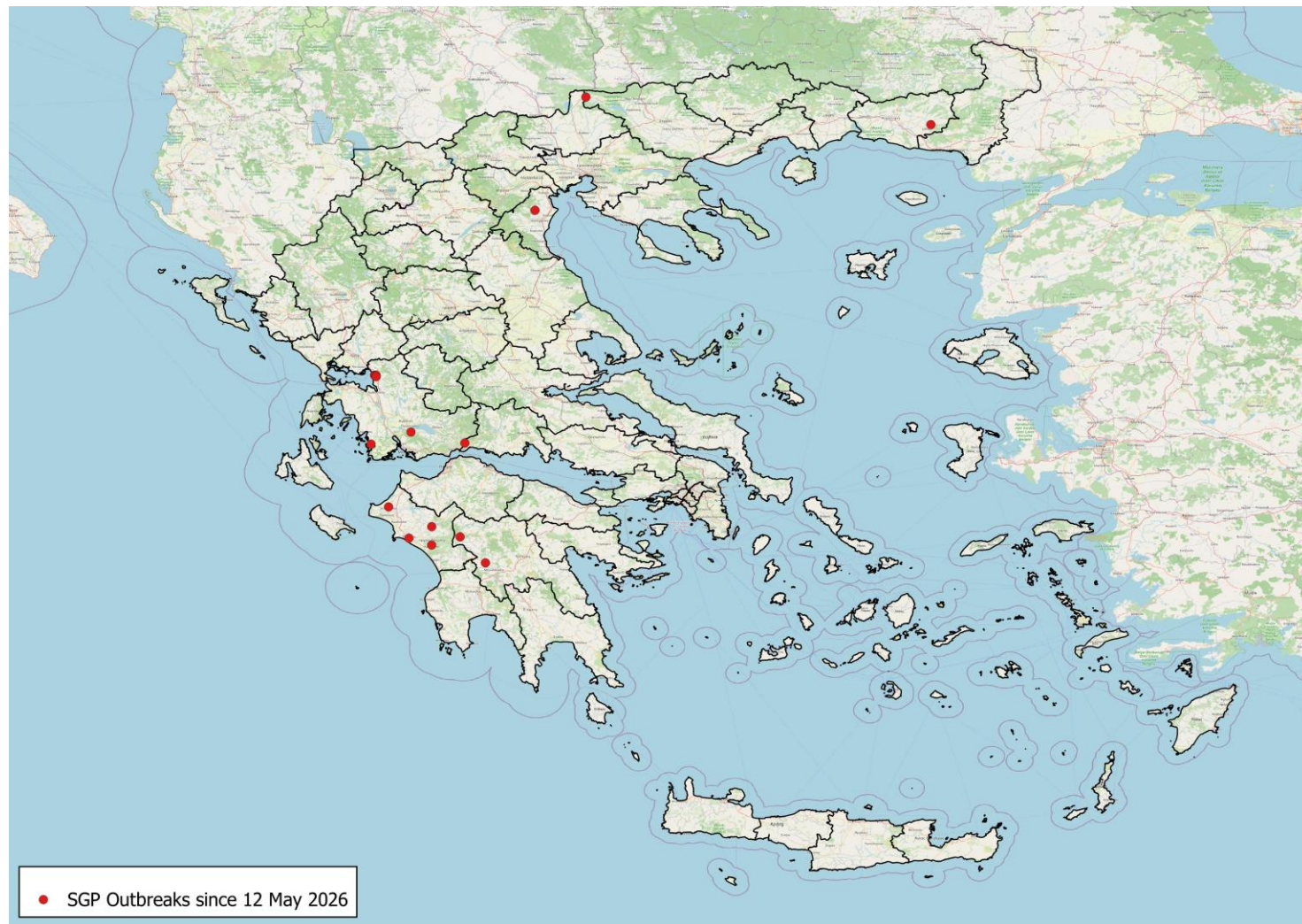
YEAR	No. of Outbreaks	No. of Culled Animals
2024	318	97,632
2025	1,703	369,710
2026	173	25,540
Totals	2,194	492,882

August 2024- 10 June 2026

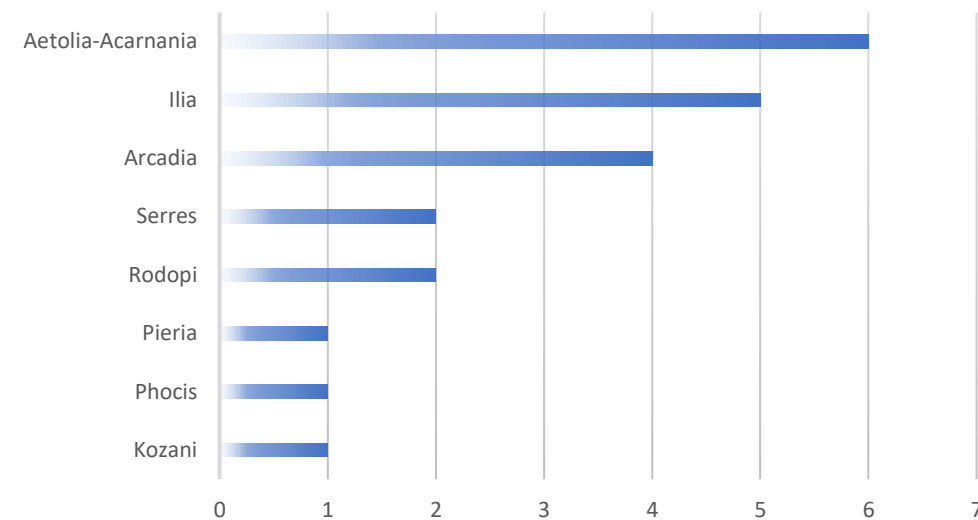


The restricted zones are established in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision 2026/1366 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 on emergency measures related to sheep pox in Greece, and have been updated following the confirmation of new outbreaks.

Current situation of Sheep and Goat Pox Virus: 22 SGP Outbreaks since May 12- 15 June



22 SGP OUTBREAKS 12 MAY - 15 JUNE 2026



Outbreak in Arcadia R.U. (previously free area)



Confirmation

- Confirmed on 25 May: Megalopoli, Arcadia R.U. Previously disease-free area.

Epidemiological Investigation

- 22 May: Clinical signs first observed by owner
- 24 May: Local veterinary authority examination revealed 6 animals with pathognomonic lesions .
- 27 May: Stamping-out, carcass disposal & preliminary C&D completed

Holding Biosecurity Profile

- Fenced premises; biosecurity measures in place ; moderate hygiene
- No animal introductions in the past 12 months
- 22 Jan: Last slaughter took place in Laconia R.U. (SGP-free area)

Possible route of introduction

- a) mechanical transmission via shearing team from Ilia R.U.
- b) unregistered animal movement.

Neither hypothesis is confirmed. The investigation of the holdings the shearing team visited revealed no positive findings.

Outbreak in Messinia R.U. (previously free area)



Confirmation

- Confirmed on 15 June: Oichalia, Messinia R.U. Previously disease-free area but in vicinity with Arcadia regional unit

Epidemiological Investigation

- 12 June: Clinical signs observed by owner who notifies the vet authorities of the suspicion on the same day
- 15 June: Confirmation of the disease by National Reference Lab.
- 16 June: Stamping-out (217 sheep) , carcass disposal & preliminary C&D

Holding Profile

- Fenced premises; scarce biosecurity measures ; minimal hygiene level
- No animal introductions in the last month
- No shearing activities
- Last slaughter took place on 22nd of December in a slaughterhouse in a free area
- 4 holdings in vicinity (1,5km)

Possible route of introduction

Messinia neighbours with Arcadia regional unit recently affected of SGP and distant approximately 20km from the affected holdings

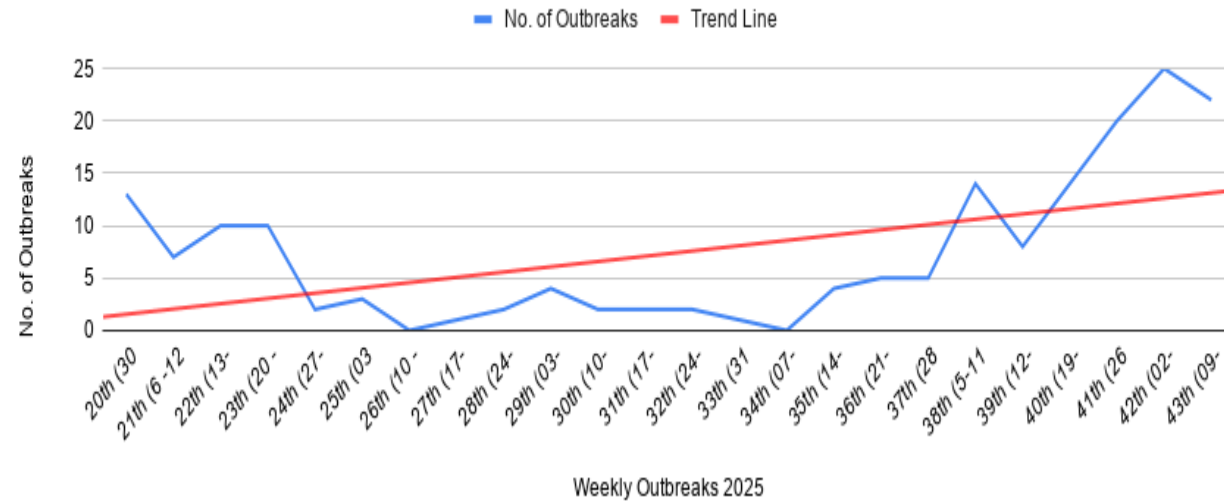
Kozani R.U. (recurrency of outbreak)



- **Kozani R.U.** (last outbreak October 2025):
- New outbreak confirmed on 11th June 2026,
- Epidemiological investigation ongoing; primary hypothesis: mechanical transmission via milk collection vehicle operating routes from Magnesia R.U.

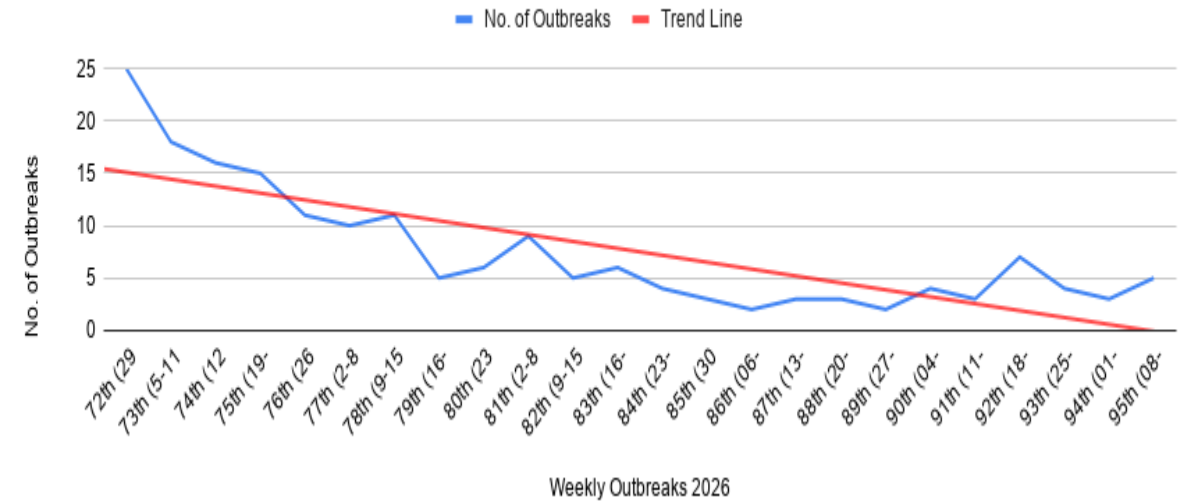
Epidemiological Trend: Comparative Analysis (1 Jan – 15 Jun 2025 & 2026)

Weekly Outbreaks 01 January - 15 June 2025



- ❖ 2025: Relative low activity in early months, followed by sharp escalation from **Week 38 (May)** onward — peaking at **25 outbreaks/week** in early June

Weekly Outbreaks 29 December - 15 June 2026

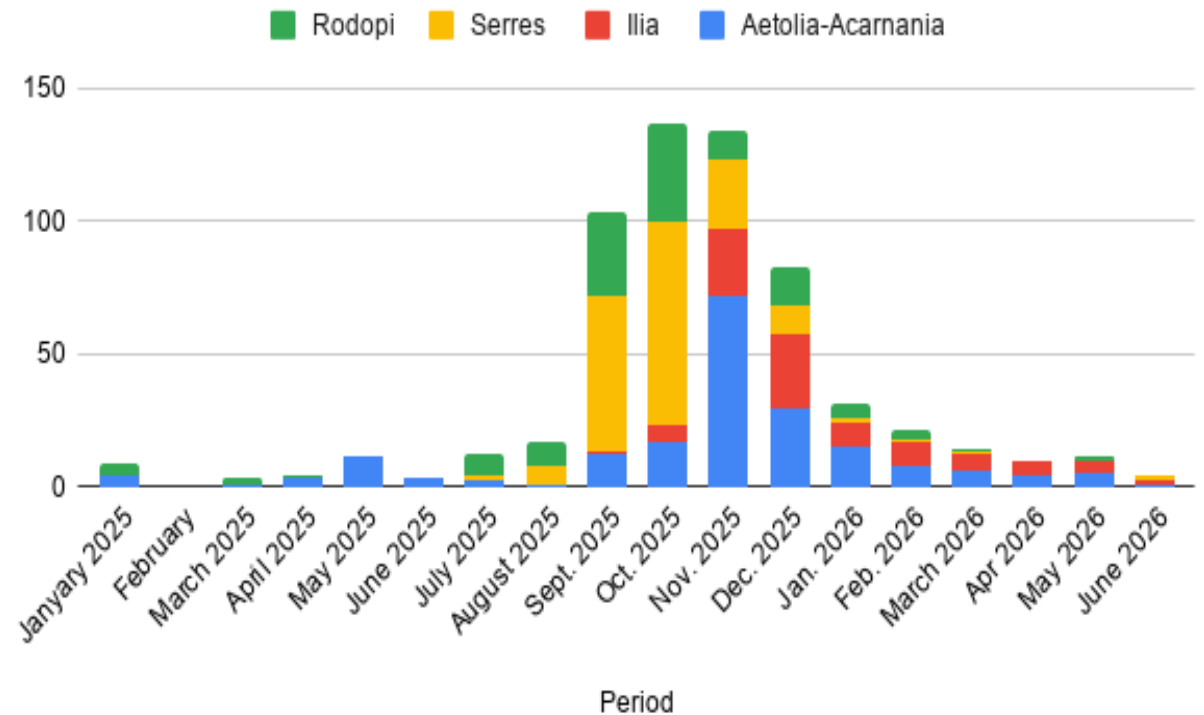


- ❖ 2026: High initial activity (**25 outbreaks/week**, late Dec), followed by a **sustained downward trend** throughout the period

Regional Analysis (2025–2026)

- Four Regional Units demonstrated recurring outbreaks in 2025 and 2026
- **Aetolia-Acarnania & Ilia:** Both R.U.s continue to report outbreaks in June 2026.
- **Serres & Rodopi:** Substantial autumn 2025 escalation (peak: Serres 77, Rodopi 37 outbreaks in Oct 2025), followed by a substantial and sustained decline in 2026 — however, residual risk cannot be excluded and surveillance remains heightened in both RUs.
- **Kozani:** A recurrence was confirmed after an approximate 10-month disease-free period
- **Arcadia & Messinia:** new areas

Aetolia-Acarnania, Ilia , Serres και Rodopi



Surveillance inside the P.Z.: (07 May to 10 June 2026)

R.U.	No. of Holdings Inside the P.Z.	No. Of Animals	No. Of Holdings Checked	No. Of Animals Clinical Examined	No. Of Animals Sampled	No. Of PCR's	No. Of Positive Animal Holdings
North Evros	36	6555	23	6753	275	55	0
Trikala	371	63706	32	7669	660	132	0
South Evros	212	37164	36	8865	705	141	0
Imathia	237	16895	17	1894	285	57	0
Arcadia	109	7759	109	7759	245	51	4
Kilkis 07 May-03 June	23	3534	9	60	60	4	0
Kilkis 04 -10 June	39	7778	3	60	60	4	0
Thessaloniki M. U.	234	29605	37	8507	n.a	n.a	0
Karditsa	1219	120083	115	20035	2529	506	0
Kavala	15	3694	7	2133	75	15	0
Kefallinia R.U.	93	26461	16	320	60	12	0
Ithaca	25	3159	24	480	62	13	1
Xanthi R.U.	346	45130	64	10242	414	83	0
Preveza R.U.	46	4354	11	1035	205	41	0
Evritania	66	8086	33	3200	250	50	0
Rodopi	62	9256	5	1228	60	12	0
Larissa	1327	247181	146	67714	2799	560	0
Magnesia	429	48492	13	6465	558	112	0
Phochis	39	3372	3	362	362	73	0
Achaia	615	73000	154	17622	1485	297	0
Pella	112	18164	22	6894	280	56	0
Evia	14	1050	2	55	n.a	n.a	0
Aetolia - Acarnania	1153	178916	582	92571	985	197	0
Drama	152	22850	33	9852	580	116	0
Serres	477	101698	116	10695	2337	468	1
TOTAL	7451	1087942	1612	292470	11429	2274	6

Surveillance inside the S.Z. (7 May to 10 June 2026)

R.U.	No. of Holdings Inside the S.Z.	No. Of Animals	No. Of Holdings Checked	No. Of Animals Clinical Examined	No. Of Animals Sampled	No. Of PCR's	No. Of Positive Animal Holdings
North Evros	79	8518	13	1309	275	55	0
Trikala	945	144666	60	11440	1315	263	0
South Evros	136	13784	11	2858	125	25	0
Imathia	118	10929	20	1530	420	84	0
Arcadia	453	63681	58	7310	n.a	n.a	0
Kilkis 07 May-03 June	202	33877	43	620	620	124	0
Kilkis 04 -10 June	350	75229	26	568	568	114	0
Thessaloniki M.U.	587	142493	101	41913	n.a	n.a	0
Karditsa	519	52812	26	4214	590	118	0
Kavala	495	100313	77	22395	729	146	0
Kefallinia	760	177467	76	1520	880	176	0
Ithaca	20	4417	20	400	n.a	n.a	0
Xanthi	96	17634	11	2276	80	16	0
Preveza	343	36224	29	3120	430	86	0
Evritania	162	16419	85	11508	635	127	0
Rodopi	498	74048	94	25631	1970	394	0
Larissa	2366	612475	202	116900	4061	813	0
Magnesia	790	120470	20	11201	812	163	0
Phochis	271	21562	19	1500	1350	270	1
Achaia	1120	133800	26	2860	240	48	0
Pella	224	63226	43	11139	1150	230	0
Evia	71	3100	16	420	10	2	0
Aetolia-Acarnania	2773	470689	124	15391	590	118	0
Drama	297	44647	26	7965	418	84	0
Serres	155	21319	55	13253	1030	206	0
TOTAL	13830	2463799	1281	319241	18298	3662	1

Surveillance inside the F.R.Z. (7 May to 10 June 2026)

R.U.	No. of Holdings Inside the F.R.Z.	No. Of Animals	No. Of Holdings Checked	No. Of Animals Clinical Examined	No. Of Animals Sampled	No. Of PCR's	No. Of Positive Animal Holdings
Kozani	1217	247256	239	50501	3075	615	0
Trikala	90	20494	30	5498	420	84	0
South Evros	203	30539	71	16959	469	94	0
Kilkis 07 May-03 June	280	76088	60	990	990	198	0
Thessaloniki M.U.	105	26653	15	4621	n.a	n.a	0
Karditsa	62	8344	1	46	20	4	0
Evritania	220	22047	10	1190	250	50	0
Lefkas	122	10651	6	1378	160	32	0
Rodopi	51	7563	14	1985	255	51	0
Chalkidiki	410	132927	165	38404	1785	357	0
Phochis	393	58817	17	500	429	85	0
Achaia	1208	179243	71	7810	900	60	0
Pella	243	32611	39	9110	885	177	0
Evia	2167	231547	52	11054	613	123	0
Drama	111	37503	30	9120	430	86	0
Serres	9	1622	9	1622	225	45	0
TOTAL	6891	1123905	829	160788	10906	2061	0

Enforcement Activity Police Report

PERIOD	NO. OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT		NO. OF CONFIRMED VIOLATIONS	NO. OF ARRESTS
14 October 2025 -31 January 2026	16735		40	37
	PERSONS	VEHICLES		
February 2026	7448	5790	13	14
March 2026	10735	8820	41	42
April 2026	9596	8559	17	16
May 2026	9712	8541	18	17
01 - 14 June	4013	3513	4	3
TOTAL	93462		133	129

