

Small hobby farmers risk for animal diseases in Romania

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Small hobby farmers remain a major risk factor in the Romanian policy to prevent the spread of animal diseases. This is according to a report about the supervision of classical swine fever in Romania published by the FVO, the European Food and Veterinary Office.

In March 2010, FVO inspectors visited Romania to see if any of the numerous flaws detected in previous years were solved. The Romanian authorities involved in disease prevention and control showed improvements, although detailed legislation and procedures regarding animal diseases still needs further development.

The presence of the many small farmers in the country makes it difficult to protect animal disease outbreaks, according to the FVO. Also the transportation to and from these small farms is not developed well.

The FVO inspectors further states in the report that the targets for inspection and vaccination against swine fever are not being met in Romania, and that the computerized identification and registration of livestock is suffering too much from technical problems. However, the Romanian veterinary authorities did not find any new cases of swine fever and the risks for new infections for this disease is considered low by the FVO. Until 2007, Romania had many problems with classical swine fever.

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