



On December 1 the Government of Alberta announced changes to the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* regarding Wild Boar and affecting Wild Boar producers in Alberta. Wild Boar are now considered a pest under the *Agricultural Pests Act*, where previously only Wild Boar-at-Large were considered a pest. This change means that all Wild Boar farms in Alberta will be required to apply for and receive a permit to continue to raise Wild Boar in the province. After this transition period, no permits for new Wild Boar farms will be issued; effectively putting a moratorium on Wild Boar farming in Alberta. Additional changes to the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* also prohibit all hunting and trapping of Wild Boar, unless permitted, with exemptions provided for landowners as the pre-existing requirement for landowners to eliminate pests from private land continues.

By making these changes, the Government of Alberta has recognized the risk Wild Boar pose to livestock industries and is offering Wild Boar farms a one time buy out to exit the industry, the Wild Boar On-Farm Exit Program. Producer(s) looking to continue to farm Wild Boar can apply for a grandfathered permit with the following requirements: meet existing [containment standards](#), mandatory reporting of escapes, annual inventory reporting to the Wild Boar Control Program, annual inspections; and, compliance with other agricultural regulations including (1) *Premises Identification Regulation*, (2) *Swine Traceability Regulation* and (3) *Marketing of Agricultural Products Act*.

Producers applying for grandfathered permits will be required to do so by **January 30, 2026**. Before a grandfathered permit will be issued the farm will be required to complete a site inspection to ensure compliance with the above-mentioned standards and regulations. Wild Boar producers electing to use the Wild Boar On-Farm Exit Program will be required to apply before **February 27, 2026**.

For more information on the buy out and the Wild Boar Control Program please visit:
<https://www.alberta.ca/wild-boar-in-alberta>.