

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**



BAN ON IMPORT OF FERAL SWINE EMERGENCY ORDER

The State Veterinarian and the State Board of Agriculture maintain a program through the Feral Swine Control Act to provide aggressive measures to reduce the number of feral swine in Oklahoma. Feral swine are a nonnative invasive species in Oklahoma that are detrimental to the natural resources of Oklahoma and agriculture production, and a disease risk. As the feral swine population increases, the citizens of Oklahoma continue to see increased damage to crops, livestock, and wildlife habitat. As carriers of diseases like brucellosis, pseudorabies, tuberculosis, anthrax, and trichinosis, feral swine pose an increasing health risk to humans, livestock, companion animals, pets, and native wildlife. 2 O.S. § 6-602 (2011).

AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to 2 O.S. § 6-2 (2011) the State Veterinarian and the State Board of Agriculture have broad authority to issue this Emergency Order as follows:

In addition to other statutory authority, the State Veterinarian, upon obtaining concurrence of the State Board of Agriculture, may issue emergency orders governing animals in order to protect the citizens and animals of the state from diseases and pests of animals, including the following to:

...Prohibit or impose conditions on importing animals into the state....

FINDING OF EMERGENCY

After recent violations of the Feral Swine Control Act where feral swine that tested positive for pseudorabies and brucellosis were transported into Oklahoma from Texas, the State Veterinarian and the State Board of Agriculture have determined it to be necessary to ban importation of feral swine without the express written consent of the State Veterinarian.

Pursuant to the Feral Swine Control Act 2 O.S. § 6-601 *et seq.* (2011), no person shall import live feral swine into this state unless the live feral swine are going directly to a slaughter facility in a sealed trailer and accompanied by a USDA vs 1-27 permit for the movement of restricted animals. The State Veterinarian and the State Board of Agriculture find it necessary to impose a ban on the import of feral swine, with only limited exceptions.

As a result of the foregoing, the State Veterinarian and the State Board of Agriculture determine that an emergency exists requiring the formulation and maintenance of the following ban on import of feral swine.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PURPOSE: This Emergency Order is issued as an emergency measure for the specific and limited purpose of banning the import of feral swine into the state of Oklahoma, except under the following conditions:

- The live feral swine are going directly to a slaughter facility;
- The live feral swine are contained in a sealed trailer;
- The live feral swine are accompanied by a USDA vs 1-27 permit for the movement of restricted animals; and
- The live feral swine are accompanied by a written consent to enter the state signed by the State Veterinarian.

EXPIRATION

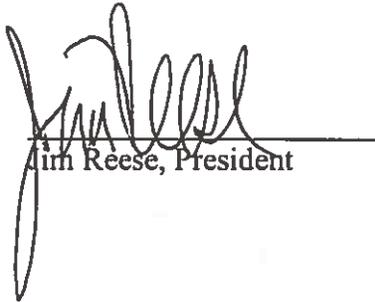
This emergency order shall expire upon the elapse of ninety (90) calendar days, however, the State Veterinarian may renew the order for successive ninety-day periods.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND AMENDED by the State Board of Agriculture on this 20th day of July 2015.



Dr. Rod Hall
State Veterinarian

Concurrence by the State Board of Agriculture:



Jim Reese, President