The Hessian Ministry of Agriculture and Environment is introducing a digital, standardised wildlife management system across the state, developed by linqi

Dead wild boars in Hesse: New reporting system using linqi supports the fight against African swine fever

Hesse, 15 October 2026 | In Hesse, members of the public can now report wild boars found dead online. To this end, the Hessian Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment, in collaboration with the software provider linqi, has introduced a standardised, state-wide digital reporting process. This covers everything from recording the discovery via a publicly accessible online form to automatic allocation and forwarding to the relevant veterinary authority. Anyone who comes across a wild boar carcass can now report the find with just a few clicks. The new, fully digitised wildlife management system is designed to help combat African swine fever, which has been present in Hesse for over two years. The aim is to curb the further spread of the virus and, in the long term, to make Hesse disease-free once again.

Why every find counts

African swine fever (ASF) first appeared in Hesse in June 2024. It affects domestic and wild pigs and is almost always fatal. Since then, a total of 7,097 cases have been reported in southern and northern Hesse, of which 2,340 have tested positive (as of 14 October 2026). ASF poses no risk to humans or other animal species.

To contain African swine fever (ASF), the Hessian Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment, Viticulture, Forestry, Hunting and Local Heritage is taking various measures. These now include standardising and simplifying the reporting of dead or suspicious wild boars. But why is efficient and rapid reporting so important?
Other pigs can easily become infected from the carcasses, which contain large quantities of viral particles. That is why the carcasses must be removed from the forest quickly. Potential cases of the animal disease must therefore be identified as early as possible. Until now, there has been no standardised, state-wide reporting procedure for this.

It is now possible to report a find with just a few clicks. The sooner the authorities receive the report, the quicker the carcass can be examined and any potential outbreak of disease

identified. The digital solution developed with linqi speeds up this process and reduces the administrative burden.

How reporting works with linqi

This dynamic, intelligent online form can be used without registration and adapts to the information entered.

1. **Open link:** The form can be accessed directly via a link, without having to log in.
2. **Fill in the details:** First, the person reporting the find selects from a drop-down list the role in which they are reporting it – for example, as a member of the public, as a hunter, or as someone specifically searching for carcasses. They can then select the date of the find directly from the calendar. Finally, the location is recorded using the smartphone's GPS or by marking it on a map. Depending on the reporter's role and the location of the find, additional fields appear for the relevant details.
3. **Submit message:** Once all the necessary details have been entered in full, the notification can be submitted.

Those reporting the find do not need to identify the relevant authority themselves. With the help of the solution developed by linqi, each report is automatically assigned to the relevant district or independent city and forwarded to the local veterinary authority. The authority receives the information in a structured format and can therefore arrange for the carcass to be recovered and examined, as well as take all necessary measures. This includes, for example, analysing samples in the laboratory and reporting back the results.

linqi: The platform behind the reporting portal

The reporting portal was developed using the no-code platform linqi. This enables public authorities to set up and customise digital workflows themselves without any programming knowledge. For example, the modular system allows procurement requests and internal approvals to be processed digitally. The wildlife management system demonstrates just how versatile linqi is: it can even be used to implement workflows that one might not initially think of when considering digitalisation.

"A report sent by a person walking in the woods via smartphone must reach the relevant veterinary authority directly, so that it can deal with the find as quickly as possible. At the same time, the digital implementation has helped to structure the process more clearly and

to define responsibilities unambiguously. It is precisely this principle that can be applied to other reporting processes, such as those for trichinellosis or Aujeszky's disease," says Jörg Sager, CEO of linqi. *"Even though we merely provide the tool, we are delighted – as we are with every use of our software – when it takes the pressure off those responsible."*

Found a dead animal? Report it here!

Go to the digital registration portal: https://wtms.linqi.app/s/hessen-wildschweinmeldung-asp

Background: African swine fever

African swine fever (ASF) is a viral disease that affects domestic and wild pigs, causes great suffering to the animals and is fatal in most cases. It poses no danger to humans or other animal species, and consuming pork does not pose any health risk. The virus is transmitted directly via the carcasses of infected animals and indirectly via food waste, clothing, vehicles and equipment. There is currently no effective vaccine. The latest figures and maps are available at https://schweinepest.hessen.de.

About linqi

linqi is a no-code platform for the digitalisation and automation of workflows in businesses, public administrations and government bodies. Departments can design forms and processes themselves and integrate them with existing systems. Hosting is available either in German, ISO 27001-certified data centres, on the organisation's own infrastructure, or at a location of their choice. According to the company, more than 500,000 active users worldwide use linqi. Further information: www.linqi.de

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