



# PIGS GONE HOG WILD!

Invasive Pigs in British Columbia — Not Your Average Barnyard Pig!

## What Are Invasive Pigs?

There are no native pigs in Canada—only those that escaped from farms or were let loose into the wild are found here. In B.C., if a pig isn't living behind a fence, it's an invasive pig! These pigs can be regular farm pigs, wild boars, or a mix of both.

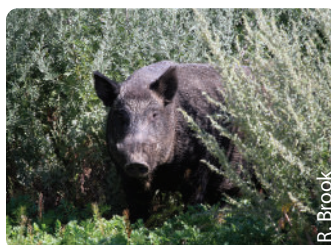


## What Do They Look Like?

Invasive pigs come in all shapes, colours, and sizes! Some have thick shaggy coats, long snouts and tusks, and their babies are often striped. Invasive pigs have been spotted in different parts of B.C. They like farmland, forests and wetlands.

## How Did They Get Here?

Wild boars come from Europe and Asia. People brought them to Canada to raise as livestock and mix with farm pigs. But some escaped, started living in the wild, and now there are too many!





## Why Are They a Problem?

### BIG EATERS

Pigs eat both plants and animals, including crops, roots, grasses, and other animals like frogs, mice, eggs, birds, and even fawns!



### DESTRUCTIVE DIGGERS

Pigs love to root around in the soil, which destroys plant life, makes big mudholes, damages wetlands and pollutes water sources.



### DISEASE SPREADERS

Invasive pigs can carry 89 different diseases that can hurt animals, farms, and even people!



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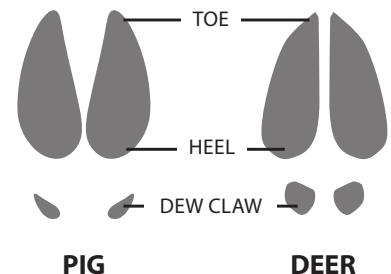
## FUN FACTS

- Piggy Geniuses! Pigs are said to be the world's fifth-smartest animal!
- Pigs are also very strong, making them great escape artists.
- Hunting doesn't stop them. They hide and spread even more!
- Winter Survival: Wild pigs make "pigloos" by burrowing into the snow to stay warm!
- A group of pigs is called a sounder.

## How Can I Help?

Watch for invasive pigs and their signs! Here's what to look for:

- **Rooting:** Pigs use their noses to dig up soil in search of food.
- **Wallows:** Pigs like to roll in mud, especially during the hot summer months.
- **Rubs:** Pigs like to scratch themselves against rocks, trees, or fence posts.
- **Hoof prints:** They look like deer tracks but are more square and less heart-shaped. See the diagram!



## Spread the Word

Tell your friends and family about the problems caused by invasive pigs and how they can help.

Report sightings and learn more at [bcinvasives.ca/SquealOnPigs](https://bcinvasives.ca/SquealOnPigs)

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