

## **Preventive Actions against Mexican Flu (H1N1)**

### **by Department of Livestock development**

Department of Livestock Development (DLD) has been carrying out preventive action against H1N1 (Mexican Flu) although the relationship between human outbreak and infection in pigs has not been confirmed.

DLD preventive and surveillance measures are as the followings.

1. Contact relevant National and International Agencies, seeking for updated information, in order to consider and make decision. Although there is no evidence to indicate that the influenza outbreak in Mexico and USA was related to infection in pig population; World Health Organization (WHO) inform that it was possible. Therefore, Bureau of Disease Control and Veterinary Services, DLD, instructed all animal quarantine stations in Thailand to imposed temporally restriction on importation of pigs and pig products from Mexico, USA and infected countries.
2. Inform all Provincial Livestock Offices in the country to inform pig farmers, in all production size( small-, medium- and commercial holders) to separate poultry raising areas from pig raising areas, in order to prevent the possibility of genetically mix between swine influenza and avian influenza virus; in addition pig farmers are informed to avoid contact with pigs if they develop a flu-like symptom.
3. Inform Pig Producer Associations to assist in raise awareness of their members, surveillance by observing clinical sign of pigs, follow the instruction sheet issued by the DLD. If any swine influenza signs become noticed, immediately report DLD officers for further actions.
4. Contact and Collaborate with Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health to plan for integrated measures, employing the existing channel used for other zoonosis such as Avian Influenza as a guideline.