



SGP Current situation

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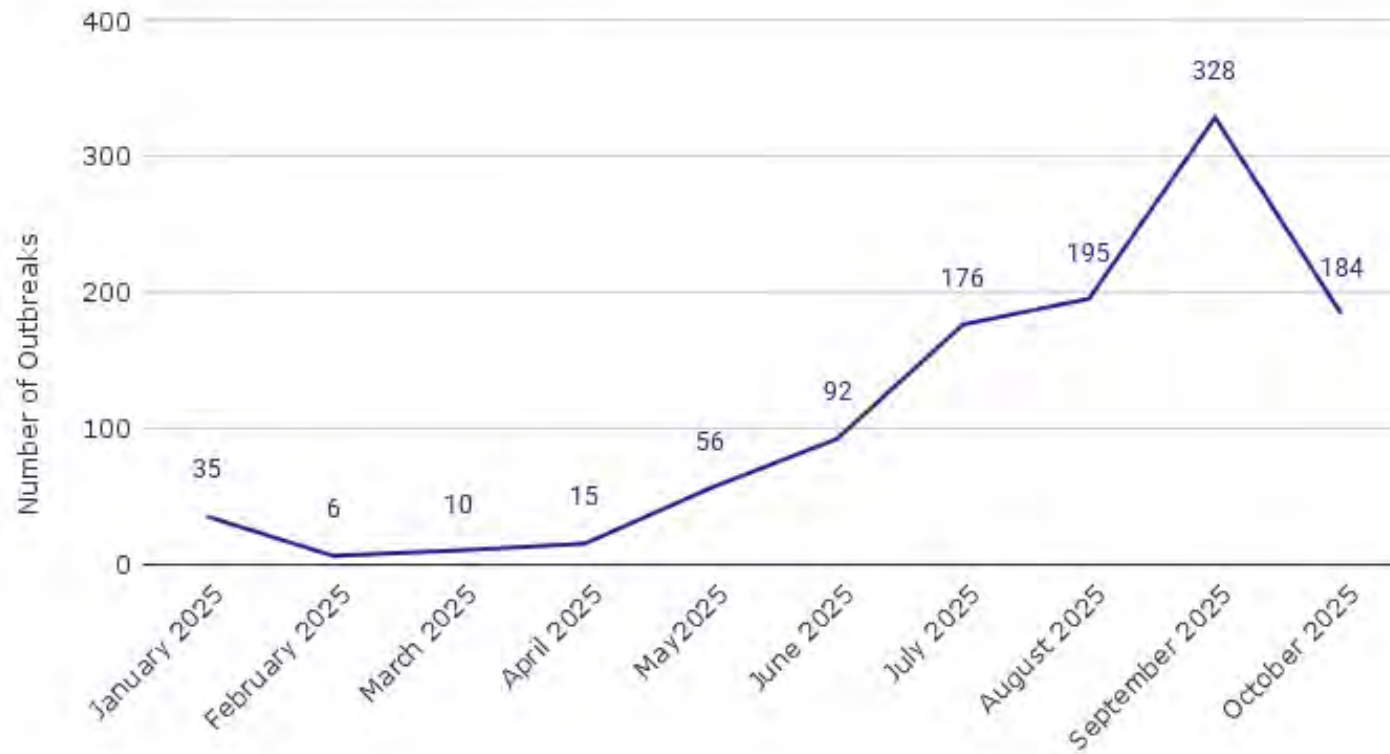
Sheep and Goat Pox Outbreak Data, Greece 2024-2025

YEAR	Number of Outbreaks	Number of Culled Animals
2024	318	97.6332
2025	1096	260.209
Totals	1414	357.841

Overview of sheep and goat pox outbreaks in Greece over the 2024-2025 period, illustrating the scale of the epidemic through the number of affected holdings and culling interventions implemented.

Sheep and goat pox evolution in Greece, 2025: outbreak trends and control measures

SGP Virus Outbreaks 2025



- Temporal analysis of sheep and goat pox epidemiology in Greece for 2025. The graph demonstrates the outbreak dynamics.
- The outbreak peaked in September, which recorded the highest number of cases.

SGP Surveillance data for the period 6/09-10/10/2025.

Surveillance (Protection, Surveillance and Further Restricted Zone) 06.09.25-10.10.25				
Regional Unit	Number of visits	Number of animals clinically examined	Number of animals sampled	Number of animals killed
Achaia	529	66.125	62	6.023
Chalikidiki	49	20.807	0	0
Evia	2	361	0	0
Evritania	11	1927	0	0
Fokida	6	511	32	0
Ilia	112	1.280	16	328
Imathia	35	4.751	32	3.149
Karditsa	439	47.924	36 (blood samples) 3564 (swabs)	5.052
Kavala	54	13.062	5 (blood samples) 205(swabs)	0
Kozani	146	43.897	3	0
Larisa	5.266	2.514.372	32.825	102.309
Magnisia & Sporades	1.904	529.521	4.241	33.099
North Evros - Orestiada	16	4.579	192	32
Pella	332	48.648	10	170
Pieria	137	169.364	40	5.800
Phthiotis	77	9.991	3	55
Rodopi	107	19.885	44 (blood samples) 959 (swabs)	6.401
Serres	99	728	155	6.710
South Evros - Alexandroupolis	24	5.295	279 (swabs)	0
South Evros - Samothrace	21	4.792	13	543
Thessaloniki M.U	125	22.886	40	1.383
Trikala	102	20.753	1.365	1.413
Xanthi	2.702	308.216	320	54.609
TOTALS	12.295	3.859.675	39.349	227.076

Intensification of measures

1. **Extension of disinfection station operating hours** to accommodate increased throughput of vehicles transporting live animals, feed, and milk, with the objective of reducing microbial load.
2. **Intensified surveillance and enforcement** with expedited sanctions for non-compliance or outbreak concealment. Non-compliant farmers are exempted from compensation and abusers are prosecuted.
3. **Enforcement of the preparedness mechanism** for the prevention and timely diagnosis of infectious diseases. This mechanism include:
 - Continuous surveillance of animal movements using drone technology,
 - Rapid procurement mechanism for materials and equipment,
 - Strengthening of veterinary personnel in Regional Authorities and competent services, allocating staff from other bodies, competent authorities

Intensification of measures

4. **Registration, documentation, sequestration and sanitary management** of feed in infected holdings to prevent viral transmission.
5. **Public access of epidemiological data** (dates, numbers of outbreaks) for transparency reasons and livestock sector awareness.
6. **New series of biosecurity training**, prioritizing areas affected by sheep and goat pox with the contribution of the University. These activities shall aim at continuous farmer education and strengthening cooperation with local veterinary authorities. The first already took place on the 6th October 2025.
7. **To be established a scientific committee** to evaluate vaccine efficacy, immunity duration, availability and economic implications of vaccination
8. **Immediate culling and disposal of infected flocks**, as foreseen, to minimize disease spread /Disposal of animals represents a challenge in some areas.
9. **Order from Police Headquarters** to all peripheral police stations to contribute to the implementation of measures

In the meantime:

Following the letter received by the Commissioner on the 6th of October:

- Official letter to European Commission requesting expert opinion from EFSA (ref. number 282444/15-10-2025)
- In close collaboration with the Bulgarian competent authorities
- Communication with EFSA
- Increased awareness/surveillance campaign in the most affected areas with the coordination of the General Secretary and official staff from central authority (starting today)
- Internal consultation of the existing bibliography on the different available products by national experts

Illegal vaccination?

- Voices for illegal vaccination/ importation of vaccines
- No evidence
- On the 16th of October, at 21:30, at the border with Turkey (Kipoi border control post), 2 people were stopped by Customs and found to be carrying illegal vaccines for SGP.
- The two have been arrested and are sent to the Prosecutor
- According to what said, the vaccines were purchased in Kessani and sent, by bus, from Istanbul.
- The vaccine in question is a POXDOLL, with indications for the use in both cattle for LSD and sheep and goats for SGP
- The whole investigation is ongoing
- We are investigation on the private veterinarian that has ordered it, according to the first testimony



POXDOLL is a vaccine used for protection against :

- pox disease in sheep and goats
- nodular exanthema (Lumpy Skin) disease in cattle.

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