

TRICHINOSIS

A total of 29 cases with no deaths was reported in 1980. The cases were attributed to 3 outbreaks in Chiang Rai , Lampang and Nan in May and July; 97% of the cases occurred in persons over 15 years of age. Investigations were done in all 3 outbreaks and revealed that hilltribe-fed swine were the source of infection in the outbreaks and that the true number of cases totaled 63.

Trichinosis does not appear in the list of notifiable diseases , but every local health official has been asked to report all cases. The disease normally occurs in outbreaks. Nearly all cases are confined to the northern provinces where infection of hilltribe-fed swine is endemic.