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New World Screwworm Emergency Response

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The materials on this page are specific to New World screwworm (NWS). You can use these tools and resources to prepare for and respond to an outbreak of this pest.

We also offer materials that apply not only to NWS, but other foreign animal pests and diseases as well. To view these materials, visit [Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response](#).

For general information about NWS, visit [New World Screwworm](#).

[Stop Screwworm: Unified Government Response To Protect the United States](#)

In recent years, NWS has moved northward through Central America and Mexico. USDA is leading a national, One Health response to keep NWS out of the United States. Our whole-of-government effort is crucial to protect the U.S. livestock industry, economy, food supply, and public health.

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NWS Response and Policy Information

Available Now: NWS Response Playbook and Supplemental Materials

APHIS continues to invite feedback from our State and industry partners on the [NWS Response Playbook](#) (884.59 KB).

Supplemental guidance and materials referenced in the playbook are now available under the accordions on this website. We value your continued coordination and collaboration with our partners. Your feedback will help refine the playbook and ensure alignment of State and Federal response capabilities.

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[Disease Response Strategy: NWS Myiasis](#)

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[New World Screwworm Response Playbook](#)

Strategy and Policy

Document	Updated
USDA Authorization for Response and Associated Activities (141.02 KB)	October 17, 2025
Initial Epidemiological (Epi) Questionnaire	April 8, 2026
Response Ready Reference Guide—Establishing and Releasing NWS Zones and Areas	April 8, 2026
Phases and Types of an Outbreak	April 8, 2026

Administration Processes

Document	Updated
Foreign Animal Disease Investigation Guide for NWS (376.65 KB)	July 2025
Fly Assessment Form (221.45 KB)	August 4, 2025
Pre-Movement Animal Inspection Checklist	April 8, 2026
Checklist for Management of Premises With Infested Animals	April 8, 2026
Best Practices for Evaluation of Animals for NWS	April 8, 2026

Surveillance and Diagnostics

Document	Updated
Overview of Wildlife Surveillance	April 8, 2026
Fly Surveillance and Site Selection Methods (180.13 KB)	May 31, 2017

Quarantine, Animal Movement Requirements, Continuity of Business

Document

Updated

[National Continuity of Business: Standardized Animal Movement Certificate Guidance](#) (608.23 KB)

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Disposal and Disinfestation

Document

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[Disposal and Disinfestation of Animals and Materials](#) April 8, 2026

Other Resources and Guidance Documents

Document

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[Considerations for Use of Antiparasitic Drugs and Pesticides in Free-Ranging Wildlife](#)

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NWS Resources

Find detailed resources concerning an NWS outbreak.

[NWS Ready Reference Guides](#)

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Information About Past NWS Outbreaks

[Final Report for the APHIS Veterinary Services Response to the 2016-2017 NWS Outbreak in Florida](#) (2.9 MB) (May 2017)

[Powerpoint to the Final Report for the APHIS Veterinary Services Response to the 2016-2017 NWS Outbreak in Florida](#) (2.65 MB) (May 2017)

[Map Video: NWS Investigations in the United States, January 2016-April 2017](#)

[Map Video: NWS Investigations in Florida, January 2016-April 2017](#)

Related Links

- [Carcass Management Dashboard](#)
- [Emergency Management Response System](#)
- [African Swine Fever Emergency Response](#)
- [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response](#)
- [Foot-and-Mouth Disease Emergency Response](#)
- [Virulent Newcastle Disease Emergency Response](#)
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