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Secretary Rollins Takes Decisive Action and Shuts Down U.S. Southern Border Ports to Livestock Trade Due to Further Northward Spread of New World Screwworm in Mexico

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Washington, D.C., July 9, 2025—Yesterday, Mexico’s National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA) reported a new case of [New World Screwworm \(NWS\)](#) in Ixhuatlan de Madero, Veracruz in Mexico, which is approximately 160 miles northward of the current sterile fly dispersal grid, on the eastern side of the country and 370 miles south of the U.S./Mexico border. This new northward detection comes approximately two months after northern detections were reported in Oaxaca and Veracruz, less than 700 miles away from the U.S. border, which triggered the closure of our ports to Mexican cattle, bison, and horses on May 11, 2025.

While [USDA announced a risk-based phased port re-opening strategy for cattle, bison, and equine from Mexico beginning as early as July 7, 2025](#), this newly reported NWS case raises significant concern about the previously reported information shared by Mexican officials and severely compromises the outlined port reopening schedule of five ports from July 7–September 15. Therefore, in order to

protect American livestock and our nation's food supply, Secretary Rollins has ordered the closure of livestock trade through southern ports of entry effective immediately.

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