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□□ Number of the Day: 1,000,000 APHIS Wildlife Services’ drone surveillance has covered more than 1 million acres□□□. Drone technology helps monitor animals (so far, we’ve had 2,423 drone flights, monitoring 40,542 animals) across vast landscapes, complementing traps, field inspections, and other surveillance tools to help detect signs of New World screwworm. Thank you to the hundreds of

responders working to protect our wildlife, livestock, and pets! #StopScrewworm

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 New World Screwworm Grand Challenge Update Trustees of Indiana University/Indiana University is developing a nutrition supplement to help produce

more male sterile New World Screwworm flies. This project is working to support the fight against NWS by making it easier to release more sterile male files - improving the impact of sterile insect technique used to control screwworm. Learn more about the Grand Challenge ➡ Innovation and Research To Stop Screwworm: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animals/animal-health/livestock-and-poultry-disease/stop-screwworm/innovation-research #StopScrewworm

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□□Eyes on the Landscape. Action in Real Time. With 21,529 ground observations completed since June 4, USDA Wildlife Services is expanding detection capacity across Texas. This ground intelligence - paired with trail cam and drone surveillance - helps us protect livestock and wildlife from New World screwworm before it gains ground. #StopScrewworm #NWSResponse

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Number of the Day: 1,710,791,125 USDA's sterile fly strategy remains active along the southern border. Since February, teams have released over 1.7 BILLION sterile New World screwworm flies through aerial and ground operations, helping suppress wild populations and break the screwworm lifecycle to stop the spread. Every release strengthens our defense. Every sterile fly matters. #ProtectingAgriculture #FlyMaxxing

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Attention livestock and pet owners in Arizona: USDA has confirmed Arizona's first case of New World screwworm (NWS) in a dog in Cochise County. Early detection is critical. Check animals daily for: ✔Draining or enlarging wounds ✔Maggots or egg masses ✔Signs of discomfort ✔Lesions around the ears, nose, genital area, or umbilicus If you suspect NWS, contact your veterinarian, state animal health official, or USDA immediately. Get the latest information and reporting guidance at https://screwworm.gov #StopScrewworm #AnimalHealth

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Boots-on-the-Ground Update: Texas □□From the air. □□On the ground. □□Across Texas. Since June 4, APHIS Wildlife Services surveillance teams have assessed 156,929 animals for signs of New World screwworm using trail cameras, drones, and field observations. Of those, 40 animals were selected for additional review, due to suspicious wounds or behavior. USDA surveillance methods fuel rapid action, and rapid action helps protect our nation's animals. #USDAOnTheGround #ProtectingAgriculture

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□□Number of the Day: 86,311 Since July 2025, USDA scientists have tested 86,311+ trapped flies for New World screwworm and found just 1 wild NWS fly. USDA's trapping network is extensive: □□~300 NWS-specific traps & bait stations □□7,000 insect traps across southern border states Fly traps remain a key tool in our layered surveillance system, alongside animal checks, drones, trail cams, ground monitoring, outreach, and strong state and industry partnerships. #StopScrewworm

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Border-to-pasture surveillance is in full force. Wildlife monitoring along the U.S.–Mexico border helps USDA spot New World screwworm and adjust sterile fly release zones to protect livestock operations nationwide. This frontline vigilance keeps our response one step ahead. #StopScrewworm #NWSResponse

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Feral swine wreak havoc on farms and ranches - and their ability to cross fence lines means they could spread New World screwworm. APHIS Wildlife Services has checked 13,152 feral swine for NWS since July 2025. Stay alert and keep reporting - your eyes on the herd and on wildlife are critical to help us #StopScreworm #ProtectingAgriculture #WildlifeServices

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USDA + producers + veterinarians + partners = unstoppable teamwork □□□□ From field checks to daily surveillance, we are unified in our efforts to prevent and respond to New World screwworm. Since June 3, USDA has received over 1,000 suspect NWS samples for confirmatory testing nationwide, including more than 500 from TX alone. USDA has confirmed 66 cases, and 13 cases are currently active. We protect herds together. □□□□ #StopScrewworm https://x.com/hashtag/StopScrewworm?src=hashtag_click

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Since June 4, USDA has completed over 2,238 drone surveillance missions across Texas, observing over 38,639 animals and using thermal technology to protect wildlife & livestock from New World screwworm. Drone tech compliments trail cameras, trapping, field exams, and other USDA surveillance methods.
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KEEPING WATCH ON NWS□□ The U.S. response to New World screwworm continues. USDA, partners, and communities are combining vigilance, science, and rapid action to protect livestock and wildlife. Here’s the latest: • 55 total cases • 4 active cases • 51 inactive cases • 0 wildlife cases • 1 fertile NWS fly detected in a trap Learn more at http://Screwworm.gov https://t.co/4Jqnvn8woZ. #StopScrewworm https://x.com/hashtag/StopScrewworm?src=hashtag_click #USDAOnTheGround https://x.com/hashtag/USDAOnTheGround?src=hashtag_click

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