

As I am sure many of you may know, the USDA has confirmed the first New World Screwworm case located in Zavala County, Texas.

This development is not unexpected; Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at the Texas Animal Health commission has been preparing for this for over a year. We've beaten New World Screwworm before. Together, we can beat it again. Inspect, report, and stay informed with us here: [AgriLife Extension New World Screwworm Website](#)

The NWS is not yet a direct threat to Guadalupe County, however, now is the time to prepare and remain vigilant. Frequently monitor wildlife, livestock, and pets for any openings in the skin, wounds, suspicious flies and maggots in living tissue.

More resources regarding New World Screwworm preparedness can be found here: [AgriLife Extension New World Screwworm Website](#)

Official AgriLife Extension NWS Fact Sheets:

- [New World Screwworm Fact Sheet](#)
- [Wildlife Monitoring and Management for New World Screwworm](#)
- [Companion Animal Care in the Face of the New World Screwworm \(NWS\) Threat](#)
- [What To Do If You Suspect New World Screwworm In Your Herd](#)
- [Livestock Management Considerations for New World Screwworm](#)
- [New World Screwworm Myiasis: Protecting Human Health](#)

To stay informed on NWS status:

- [Confirmed Detections of NWS | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services](#)
- [Texas Animal Health Commission- NWS Resources](#)

For real time updates about NWS: screwworm.gov

If NWS is suspected, report it to the Texas Animal Health Commission. Contact a local veterinarian and/or AgriLife Extension county agent.

- If suspicious NWS flies or maggots are observed, notify a Texas Animal Health Commission official immediately.
- Follow steps included here: [Steps if you suspect NWS in livestock](#)
- For suspicions in livestock or companion animals:
 - o Texas Animal Health Commission veterinarian on call: 1-800-550-8242
 - o Texas Animal Health Commission region office: 956-568-5741
- For suspicions in wildlife:
 - o Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: 512-389-4505
 - o If suspicious NWS of flies or maggots are observed, DO NOT MOVE THE ANIMAL.