



New World Screwworm County Officials Situation Brief

Current Mexico Situation:

- There is a detection of NWS 25 miles from the Texas border in Coahuila, MX. This case is in closest proximity to the major Texas cities of Del Rio and Eagle Pass.
- As of June 1, 2026, there are 2,072 active animal cases in Mexico and a total of 26,216 total animal cases since November 2024.

Current Texas Precautions:

- Dispersal of sterile NWS flies
 - USDA and TAHC staff are leveraging and expanding existing ground release sites for the distribution of sterile flies in and around Del Rio and Eagle Pass. Science-based assessments to determine dispersal locations continue to be evaluated.
 - As a precautionary step, sterile NWS flies are being released over portions of South Texas. On January 30, 2026, USDA APHIS announced the NWS sterile insect dispersal polygon would include about 50 miles into Texas along the Texas-Tamaulipas border. On May 5, 2026, USDA announced another shift to the dispersal grid further north along the Texas border.
 - As of May 26, 2026, 123,201,290 sterile flies have been dispersed in Texas.
 - Natural NWS have not been detected in Texas, but South Texans have experienced and reported sterile flies deployed in their area.
 - USDA continues to utilize aerial dispersal of sterile NWS flies in South Texas counties. Aerial dispersal grids continue to shift to maximize the impact of sterile flies available and mitigate an incursion of wild NWS flies in the United States.
 - Ground release chambers have also been deployed in strategic locations along the Texas-Mexico border to augment aerial release as the dispersal areas are adjusted based on cases in Mexico
- Surveillance trapping
 - USDA and TAHC staff are moving currently placed surveillance traps to accommodate changes in sterile fly dispersal. Trap locations are carefully selected and closely monitored to ensure optimal effectiveness and quick detection by animal health officials.
 - Currently, 58 traps are located near the Texas border. Over 55,000 suspicious flies have been submitted for official identification, and none have been detected as NWS.

TAHC Operations:

- TAHC is increasing their presence in the Del Rio and Eagle Pass areas to bolster NWS outreach and provide awareness and resources to locals. These operations are focused on outreach-TAHC personnel are not responding to a detection of NWS in Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Texas, or the U.S.
 - The TAHC is working with federal and state partners to coordinate messaging.

- TAHC staff are coordinating with county officials, local officials, and producers to amplify awareness and preparedness outreach and resources.

Key Messages and Available Resources:

- NWS is not in Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Texas, or the U.S.
- Animal owners should monitor their animals as regularly as possible for openings in the skin, wounds, suspicious flies, and maggots in living tissue.
 - If suspicions of flies or maggots are observed, notify an animal health official immediately. Follow steps included here: [Steps if you Suspect NWS in Livestock](#)
 - For suspicions in livestock or companion animals:
 - TAHC veterinarian on call 1-800-550-8242
 - TAHC region office 956-568-5741
 - Texas USDA 512-202-1181
 - For suspicions in wildlife:
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 512-389-4505
 - If suspicions of flies or maggots are observed, DO NOT MOVE THE ANIMAL.
- Publicly available resources:
 - Current international situation updates and federal resources- [screwworm.gov](https://www.screwworm.gov)
 - Texas specific resources-
 - [TAHC NWS Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - [TAHC Emergency Management Guide NWS for Livestock Producers](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - TAHC Flyer: [Steps if you Suspect NWS in Livestock](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: wildlife-related resources available on website, <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/diseases/screwworm/>
 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension: general resources and educational information available on website, <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/new-world-screwworm>
 - Texas Department of State Health Services: health advisory distributed 9/26 to healthcare providers and public health professionals available on website, [https://www.dshs.texas.gov/news-alerts/dshs-health-advisory-raising-awareness-about-new-world-screwworm#:~:text=New%20World%20screwworm%20myiasis%20is,\)%20of%20warm%20blooded%20animals.](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/news-alerts/dshs-health-advisory-raising-awareness-about-new-world-screwworm#:~:text=New%20World%20screwworm%20myiasis%20is,)%20of%20warm%20blooded%20animals.)