



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>26-0016 New World Screwworm Response</b>
<b>Date</b>	June 14, 2026
<b>Time</b>	4:00 PM
<b>Reporting Period</b>	2:00 PM June 13, 2026, to 2:00 PM June 14, 2026
<b>Report Number</b>	8

<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	6
<b>Disaster Districts Activated</b>	18, 24

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** The Texas Animal Health Commission designated portions of Kimble, Schleicher, and Sutton Counties as Infested Zone 06 due to a new positive test result. Additionally, the newly launched certified inspector program equips qualified individuals with the skills to enable them to issue movement certificates for animals leaving infested zones and support disease surveillance and control efforts across the state.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff have broadened outreach and surveillance efforts to encompass newly identified infested areas.

Texas A&M AgriLife is coordinating with entomologists from USDA, AgriLife Extension, and AgriLife Research, alongside TDEM and the National Weather Service, to assess and address potential impacts of evolving weather conditions associated with incoming tropical systems and a cold front.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) continues coordination efforts, which have expanded with the addition of a clinician-focused NWS webinar on June 16, complementing the previously scheduled June 18 session, while DSHS regional staff continue outreach to animal health, public health, tribal, and local government partners to ensure access to current guidance on NWS identification, sampling, and reporting procedures. DSHS continues outreach to local animal control agencies and veterinary clinics.

On June 13, The Texas Animal Health Commission designated Coke and Tom Green Counties as Infested Zone 05 following an NWS detection in Tom Green County. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues its expanded outreach, surveillance promotion, and coordination with state, federal, and stakeholder partners, including engagement with deer breeder facilities. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension has launched the New World Screwworm Preparedness and Response Education Course to strengthen statewide training, awareness, and response capacity. The Texas Department of State Health Services continues to support response efforts through food safety oversight, public health preparedness, stakeholder engagement, and regional coordination, including notifying local partners and providing guidance following the confirmed NWS-positive bovine case.

On June 12, State agencies continue to strengthen New World Screwworm (NWS) preparedness and response efforts across Texas. The Texas Animal Health Commission updated response measures following two additional detections within existing Infested Zones, while the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department finalized deer breeder inspection procedures, expanded training for Game Wardens, and continued wildlife surveillance, landowner outreach, and collaborative research activities. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is enhancing public awareness through new educational resources, including a pocket guide and the launch of an online NWS Preparedness and Response Education Course, while maintaining statewide outreach through Extension personnel. Concurrently, the Department of State Health Services continues stakeholder engagement, public education, training, and interagency coordination to support surveillance, reporting, prevention, and treatment awareness among agricultural workers, employers, local officials, tribal partners, and the public.

On June 11, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) urged livestock owners in affected areas to conduct daily animal inspections and released emergency management guidance for veterinarians to support detection and response efforts. State agencies continue coordinated surveillance, outreach, and response activities. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) engaged landowners in affected and surrounding areas, providing information and resources, investigating reported cases, and conducting statewide wildlife surveillance. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Disaster Assessment and Recovery Specialists participated in briefings in Kimble, Uvalde, and DeWitt counties to maintain situational awareness and assist local officials and landowners. Additionally, the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) continued testing samples and supporting state response partners.

State agencies are working closely with local, state, and federal partners in the field and at the State Emergency Operations Center. State partners have contacted thousands of landowners and stakeholders and remain engaged and prepared to support response

operations as efforts continue to prevent further spread of NWS.

On June 8, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate the Texas State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response) to support the state's New World Screwworm response operations.

Resources from multiple state agency partners and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are being leveraged in response to this parasite detection.

On June 5, following confirmation of NWS detection in Texas, Gov. Abbott received a briefing and provided an update to Texans on the state's response at the Texas State Emergency Operations Center. The Governor also issued an updated state disaster declaration to address NWS and prioritize operations in Uvalde and Zavala counties.

On January 26, Gov. Abbott issued a statewide disaster declaration certifying that the spread of NWS threatened Texas's livestock industry and economy and posed an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage for all Texas counties. The declaration also authorized the use of all available resources of the state government to cope with this disaster, and allowed for the allocation of state resources to address the spread of the parasite to the Texas NWS response team.

On June 25, 2025, Gov. Abbott directed the Texas Animal Health Commission and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to establish a joint Texas New World Screwworm Response Team to lead the state's prevention and response efforts.

For more than 18 months since being informed of a positive case of NWS in Mexico, the USDA has been working to combat the impacts in coordination with state and local partners. Such measures by the USDA include importing and dispersing sterile flies in South Texas, outreach with local producers, and building a facility to assist with sterile fly operations.

The Texas Emergency Management Council continues to monitor developments.

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

- Protect life and property.
- Support rapid & effective response.
- Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

#### **Region 6 (Includes DDs 17, 18, and 24)**

Region 6 has contacted every County Judge in the region regarding the outbreak, status, and anticipated future briefings.

Region 6 is coordinating and communicating with local officials and state and federal partners. Currently, personnel are assisting with the needs of the unified command post located in Eagle Pass.

DD 18 – New Braunfels (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties): Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 18 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DD 24 – Del Rio (Includes Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties): DDEOC 24 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

### **Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):**

As of June 8, the State Operations Center (SOC) has activated to Level II (Escalated Response) in support of the New World Screwworm incident. The SOC is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

### **Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):**

NWS Statistics

as of [6/14/26](#) at 2:00 pm:

[Total Confirmed Cases in Texas: 11](#)

Zavala County:

- Confirmed cases: 3
- Species affected: bovine

La Salle County:

- Confirmed cases: 2
- Species affected: bovine

Gillespie County:

- Confirmed cases: 1
- Species affected: goat

Edwards County:

- Confirmed cases: 3
- Species affected: bovine, goat

Tom Green County:

- Confirmed cases: 1
- Species affected: bovine

Sutton County

- Confirmed cases: 1
- Species affected: sheep

The situation is evolving, and new information will be provided as investigations continue.

On June 3, 2026, TAHC received confirmation of a detection of New World screwworm (NWS) in a three-week-old calf with an umbilical lesion located in Zavala County. TAHC is working closely with USDA and other state officials in a joint incident response.

To prevent further spread of NWS, TAHC issued an Executive Director Order to place a quarantine on all warm-blooded animals in the identified infested zone. Infested Zones are subject to the following animal movement restrictions:

- Warm-blooded animals located within an Infested Zone may not be moved outside of the zone without prior authorization from the Commission. Any person in possession or control of such animals must obtain permission and comply with all conditions set by the Commission before transporting the animals beyond the quarantine boundaries.
- To move warm-blooded animals outside of an Infested Zone, the animal must be inspected and treated as required by the Commission and issued a permit or certificate for movement by a Commission representative.
- Hides, carcasses, and parts of any animal capable of serving as a host for NWS must be inspected and undergo any treatment deemed necessary by a Commission representative prior to removal from an Infested Zone.
- Unauthorized movement is prohibited and subject to administrative penalties

and/or criminal prosecution.

Executive Director Orders identifying Infested Zones remain in effect, pursuant to Texas Agriculture Code, Chapters 161 – 168, and applicable regulations found in Title 4 of the Texas Administrative Code, Part 2, Chapters 31-60. This order remains in effect until the quarantine is released by the Commission.

On June 5, 2026, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmed a second case. The confirmed case was found in a one-month-old calf in Zavala County, approximately 5.6 miles away from the first confirmed detection.

TAHC and USDA APHIS will continue to collect and test other samples from the surrounding area, as they are reported, submit suspect NWS flies to the NVSL for prompt identification, and will continue to monitor the treatment of infested cases. TAHC has a staff member serving as the interface/liaison with landowners/producers regarding all prevention, quarantine, and animal inspection activities occurring on premises.

TAHC is working in coordination with the USDA to expand fly trapping and surveillance efforts to identify any additional flies in the area and investigate potential suspect cases in animals. NWS fly traps are being placed on technical specialists' recommendations along the Texas-Mexico border and within the infested and adjacent zones. Interface with landowners/producers is occurring regarding prevention activities on premises (i.e., trap placement, monitoring, fly collection, fly initial identification/screening). Triage of collected suspect flies will be performed, and samples will be shipped to NVSL.

Targeted release of sterile NWS flies has been expedited to eliminate any reproducing populations in the area associated with the detection. Interface with landowners/producers is occurring regarding prevention activities on premises (ground release chamber placement, monitoring, pupae placement, chamber maintenance).

On June 7, 2026, the third detection of NWS was confirmed in La Salle County. The confirmed case was found in a one-week-old calf. This case will lead to an additional infested zone (Infested Zone 2) in Webb and La Salle County.

On June 8, 2026, the USDA announced the confirmation of a canine in Andrews County. The USDA has shared additional details about the epidemiological investigation, indicating the dog resides at a household in New Mexico. Therefore, the location of this case has been reclassified as the first case detected in New Mexico.

Additionally, on June 8, National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmed a case in a goat in Gillespie County. TAHC and USDA are working as quickly as possible to gather additional details about the case, establish surveillance and testing in the area, and share outreach materials and information.

On June 9, NVSL confirmed a case of NWS in a second calf in La Salle County. TAHC is working with USDA to respond and further investigate the case. Field teams have already expanded surveillance and response measures in the area. Based on the additional detection, a modified executive director order was issued on June 9, 2026, identifying the modified infested zone (Infested Zone 02.A). On June 9, due to the detection of NWS in Gillespie County, areas of Gillespie, Kerr, and Kimble Counties are designated as Infested Zone 03.

On June 9, the sixth case of NWS was detected in a calf from Edwards County. As a result, the following areas of Edwards, Sutton, and Val Verde Counties have been designated as Infested Zone 04.

TAHC urges residents in these areas to inspect animals daily. Contact the TAHC immediately with any suspect NWS identified in livestock or domestic animals. Contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for wildlife infestation information and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for human infestation information.

On June 10, an additional case was detected in a calf in Zavala County. Based on the additional detection, a modified executive director order was issued for Uvalde and Zavala Counties (Infested Zone 01.B)

On June 11, an additional case was detected on a goat. Based on the additional detection, a modified executive director order was issued for Edwards, Sutton, and Val Verde Counties (Infested Zone 04.A).

On June 12, Coke and Tom Green Counties were designated as Infested Zone 05 due to a detection in Tom Green County.

On June 12, 2026, NWS was detected on a sheep in Sutton County. Due to the detection, on June 13, 2026, areas of Kimble, Schleicher, and Sutton Counties counties are designated as Infested Zone 06.

On June 13, 2026, information on the NWS Certified Inspector Program was added to the TAHC website. TAHC and Texas A&M AgriLife have worked together to develop the

NWS Certified Inspector Program designed to train and certify individuals on myiasis clinical identification, animal inspection, NWS treatment, and NWS movement requirements. The course takes approximately four hours to complete and is open to individuals who meet the requirements and are qualified to serve as NWS Certified Inspectors. Upon completion of all modules and knowledge checks in the course, participants must pass a final exam with 100% accuracy to earn a Certificate of Completion and may then apply to become a TAHC NWS Certified Inspector. Approved applicants will be added to the Texas Authorized Personnel Program, obtain access to the NWS Treatment/Movement Certificates web application, and can begin to complete, sign, and issue movement certificates for animals leaving an infested zone.

### **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):**

To protect the State's natural resources, including fish and wildlife, through land-based and marine patrol, TPWD will serve as a force multiplier responding to requests for support from our federal, state, and local partners to prevent, detect, control, or eradicate parasitic disease outbreaks. TPWD will deploy coordinated resources to prevent, detect, control, and eradicate parasitic disease within the Texas-Mexico Border region.

TPWD staff will continue to coordinate native wildlife surveillance efforts, which will include:

- Working with landowners to organize active wildlife surveillance on their properties
- Inspection of hunter-harvested carcasses when necessary, including animals harvested in State Parks and Wildlife Management Areas.
- Inspection of recently road-killed wildlife.
- Inspection of animals is handled as part of routine wildlife handling, whether that is by agencies, researchers, or other entities that encounter wildlife on a regular basis.
- Reporting from wildlife rehabbers, private practice vets, law enforcement, taxidermists, game processors, and the public.

As of June 10, TPWD has Texas Game Wardens, State Park Officers, and Wildlife Biologists prepared to respond and support operations as needed.

TPWD Wildlife staff identified and contacted 3 Wildlife Rehabbers within the new Gillespie and expanded La Salle zones and coordinated with TPWD Wildlife Permits Office to contact those facility owners.

TPWD Wildlife Biologist staff have investigated 1,364 animals statewide and investigated 14 suspected cases.

TPWD staff are contacting 3,147 South Texas Cooperators by phone to notify them of the NWS situation and promote surveillance. [To date, 1,156 TPWD cooperators on this list have been contacted.](#)

TPWD staff continue to respond to reports of suspected NWS cases statewide.

TPWD Game Wardens completed NWS training on larva collection/TAHC movement certificate. This training was provided by the TPWD Wildlife Team.

TPWD continues to coordinate daily operations with TAHC, USDA and TDEM at the Incident Command Post.

On June 11, TPWD Wildlife Biologist staff finalized developing the deer breeder inspection process.

TPWS Wildlife Biologist staff provided virtual training for all Game Wardens in response to NWS calls and coordinated obtaining sampling kits from the National Veterinary Stockpile for future sample collections.

TPWD Wildlife staff compiled 153 landowner contacts within both Infected Zones and provided information for fly trapping and ground release efforts by TAHC and USDA.

TPWD's Kerr WMA is located within the Gillespie County Surveillance Zone and is monitoring game cameras for NWS signs on the property.

TPWD continues coordinating and meeting with USDA, FDA, CKWRI, and TAMU AgriLife with the development of a treated feed trial for white-tail deer.

TPWD staff contacted 10 TPWD cooperators in Andrews and Gained counties in Texas that fall within the New Mexico surveillance zone following the NWS detection in Lea County, New Mexico.

On June 13, TPWD staff completed contacting 1,459 TPWD Cooperators by phone to notify them of the NWS situation and that they are within a current Infested or Surveillance Zone in Texas and to promote surveillance.

TPWD Wildlife Biologist staff identified TPWD cooperators located in the expanded Edwards (69 cooperators) and Zavala (40 cooperators) infected zones and surveillance

zones for a total of 109 newly impacted cooperators. Each of those cooperators has begun to receive phone calls and updates on the NWS situation in their area.

TPWD Wildlife Biologist staff identified and contacted 2 deer breeder facilities in the expanded Edwards and Zavala surveillance zones and coordinated with TPWD Wildlife Permits Office to contact those facility owners.

TPWD Wildlife Biologist staff updated NWS Best Management Practices for deer breeders.

TPWD staff continued daily meetings with Secretary Rollins, Rear Admiral Schmoyer, Executive Leadership from TAHC, USDA, TPWD, and stakeholder groups.

TPWD Wildlife Biologist staff finalized deer breeder inspection process and shared with appropriate staff.

TPWD staff to date have contacted [2,759](#) TPWD cooperators by phone to notify them of the NWS situation and promote surveillance. [1,604](#) of those contacts have been to landowners within Infested Zones or Surveillance Zones.

[TPWD Staff identified and contacted 3 deer breeder facilities in the Tom Green County Infested Zone and Surveillance Zone, and coordinated with TPWD Wildlife Permits Office to contact those facility owners.](#)

[TPWD Staff identified and contacted 5 wildlife rehabilitation permit holders in the Tom Green Infested Zone and Surveillance Zone and coordinated with TPWD Wildlife Permits Office to contact those facility owners.](#)

[TPWD Staff identified 1,604 TPWD cooperators located within Infested Zones and Surveillance Zones and are contacting them by phone to notify them of the NWS situation, that they are within a current Infested or Surveillance Zone in Texas, and how to assist in proper surveillance.](#)

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):**

Currently, the AgriLife Extension SOC liaison, Public Information Officer (PIO), Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Team Members, DAR Administration, Extension Administration, and County Extension Agents are monitoring NWS movement and conditions, SOC response activity, and participating in weekly communication calls with Extension Administration, Entomologists, and Livestock Specialists. Disaster

Assessment and Recovery Specialists are on standby to support County Extension Agents and ESF-11 partners with public education, animal response, and recovery efforts as requested.

Since June 2025, leading up to the first confirmed NWS case in Texas, AgriLife has:

- Conducted 284 educational programs on NWS, reaching over 21,200 participants.
- Established an 18-member working group of Extension Specialists across livestock, wildlife, and human disciplines focused on the development of educational information, outreach techniques, and resources for use by County Extension Agents and other appropriate Extension personnel across Texas.
- Two internal staff NWS webinar trainings completed by 500 AgriLife Extension and AgriLife Research personnel, were conducted with training support from the TAHC and TPWD.
- Hosted a hands-on professional development NWS workshop hosted at the San Antonio Livestock Show Ground for 126 AgriLife Extension and AgriLife Research personnel. In addition to others in attendance at this workshop, County Extension Agents (CEAs) from 48 of the southern and western Texas Counties were in attendance.
- Developed a County Extension NWS Educational Tool kit, complete with videos and PowerPoint Slide Decks for use in local producer and community educational outreach efforts.
- Through a grant from USDA-APHIS, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension has distributed 1,000 NWS larva collection kits among the Southern and Western County Extension offices for use in NWS detection and identification.
- AgriLife Extension is wrapping up the development of a course that will train people on what to do and expect related to the occurrence of NWS. AgriLife Extension will provide maintenance and management of this course.
- Provided expertise with local and state government representatives to better inform their preparation should an incident occur.
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension livestock entomology specialist conducted an NWS awareness training during the monthly meeting of the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) Agricultural Committee, as well as more in-depth training during the May 2026 EDEN webinar hosted by the EDEN professional development committee.
- Educational outreach resources developed:

**Livestock Focused-**

**What to Do if You Suspect New World Screwworm in Your Herd** - Practical, step-by-step guidance for producers, emphasizing rapid response and biosecurity. Livestock Management Considerations for New World Screwworm – Management and seasonal planning guidance designed to reduce infestation risk

in livestock operations.

**Rethinking Livestock Management to Consider Screwworm** - Educational resource discussing longer-term livestock management strategies considering renewed screwworm threats. A Spanish version has also been developed.

**NWS Threat to Swine Producers**

**Wildlife Focused-**

**Wildlife Monitoring and Management for New World Screwworm –**

A dedicated fact sheet providing monitoring, detection, and reporting guidance for free-ranging wildlife populations. A Spanish version has also been developed.

**Human and Companion Animal-focused**

**New World Screwworm Myiasis: Protecting Human Health** - Educational material explaining the rare but possible risk to humans and appropriate protective measures.

**Companion Animal Care in the Face of the New World Screwworm (NWS)**

Threat Guidance for dog and cat owners on prevention, detection, and response. A Spanish version has also been developed.

In addition, AgriLife has had staff serving with the state NWS joint information center and as a liaison in the SOC.

The AgriLife DAR PIO is providing educational resources and statements for county officials, fielding news media inquiries, and providing daily briefings during joint information center (JIC) calls attended by State Agency partners. AgriLife continues to distribute fact sheets and general NWS information on the website. More than 25 media interviews were scheduled with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Entomology Leads between June 4 and 5.

As directed in the last Legislative Session, AgriLife, with TAHC, TPWD, and TDA, developed a Texas pest and disease alert system. In addition to NWS cases being posted on the TAHC website, these cases are also being posted there along with other animal and plant pests and diseases. The web address for this ag alert system is [agalert.tamu.edu](http://agalert.tamu.edu). Individuals can subscribe to the website to receive emails that will provide notifications when an item is posted. The cases will be posted within 72 hours of the state agency receiving confirmation of a reportable pest or disease.

June 14, 2026

- [DAR Specialists, Area Chiefs and County Agricultural Extension Agents are undergoing the NWS Preparedness and Response Education Course to obtain](#)

certification and make application to become a Certified Livestock Instructor to assist with Response.

- DAR Specialists and County Extension Agents continue to field NWS questions and assist livestock producers and county officials with information on surveillance and monitoring of animals to detect NWS.
- Coordinated discussion is occurring with Entomologists from USDA, AgriLife Extension and AgriLife Research with TDEM and the National Weather Service due to today's weather pattern changes from incoming tropical systems and a cold front.

June 13, 2026

- The New World Screwworm Preparedness and Response Education Course launched to the public today on the AgriLife Learn online platform. The course consists of five modules with 30 presentations, module knowledge checks, and a final exam requiring a 100% passing score; successful completion results in a certificate of completion. Participants may also meet additional eligibility requirements to apply for designation as a Texas Animal Health Commission Certified Livestock Inspector.
- The Disaster Assessment and Recovery Public Information Officer continues to assist county agents and specialists with New World Screwworm messaging and information via the AgriLife Extension website and fact sheets, provided to local officials and constituents in counties. Media requests continue to be fulfilled at the national, state, and local levels.

June 12, 2026

- Statewide, DAR Specialists and County Extension Agents continue to field NWS questions and assist livestock producers and county officials.
- A NWS pocket guide is being developed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to be distributed to agricultural producers and the general public for awareness and reporting of suspected cases.
- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and partner agencies will complete the review of the first version of the NWS Preparedness and Response Education Course. The course consists of five modules with 30 presentations, with module knowledge checks and a final exam, which must be passed with a score of 100%. Successful completion of the course results in a certificate of completion. Participants may also meet other eligibility requirements to apply for designation as a Texas Animal Health Commission Certified Livestock Inspector. The course will be rolled out to the public on Saturday, June 13. It will be available on the AgriLife Learn online platform.

June 11, 2026

- DAR Specialists attended NWS Briefings in Kimble, Uvalde, and DeWitt counties to maintain situational awareness and assist landowners and county officials with questions.

June 10, 2026

- During the week of June 3-8 on the AgriLife Extension New World Screwworm website: <https://agriflifeextension.tamu.edu/new-world-screwworm> 14,057 page views and 848 PDF downloads for PDF content 46 interviews were facilitated by Extension Specialists Phillip Kaufman, Sonja Swiger, Roel Lopez, Natalie Stewart, and David Anderson
- The DAR PIO continues to assist county agents and specialists with NWS messaging and information via the AgriLife Extension website/fact sheets, provided to local officials and constituents in counties. Media requests are being fulfilled at the national, state, and local levels.
- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and partner agencies continue to work on the NWS Livestock Inspection online training, turning it over to the course developer today.
- AgriLife Extension has written two documents to assist County Extension Agents and Volunteers with how to proceed with 4-H/FFA Major Livestock Show validations being held this month to inform and provide youth and parents with important considerations in protecting their livestock from NWS infestation.

June 9, 2026

- AgriLife and partner agencies continue to work on the NWS Livestock Inspection online training that will be offered on the AgriLife Learn online platform.
- AgriLife SOC Liaison is routing requests for test sample kits to TAHC, Dr. Dee Ellis, and Dr. Dan Hale.
- AgriLife Extension Agents and DAR Specialists are working with landowners and county officials in counties with confirmed cases to address questions on sample collection, testing, prevention, and treatment of NWS.

June 8, 2026

- AgriLife Extension and Research leadership, subject matter experts, and partners are currently working to develop an NWS Inspector Training Course partnering with USDA and TAHC, with goals to complete the first version of the module by June 12.
- Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) has deployed a trained entomologist to establish an NWS identification lab at the Uvalde AgriLife Research and Extension Center. The College Station lab has also established an

identification lab and is developing a real-time PCR testing protocol should high-throughput testing be needed.

- The Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense Center in AgriLife Research (a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence) has initiated a training and workforce readiness program (i.e., developing NWS-focused in-person and virtual training) for DHS Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations (OFO) and Border Patrol, emphasizing species identification (adults, larvae, and wound stages), clinical signs, field triage, and coordination with local veterinary practitioners, USDA, and state animal health officials.
- Drs. Cliff Lamb, Phillip Kaufman, Jeffrey Savell, Rick Avery, and Kiril Dimitrov are attending a briefing at the Knippling-Bushland US Livestock Insects Research Laboratory in Kerrville.

June 7, 2026

- Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory personnel are en route and tracking the arrival of the USDA Mobile Detection Unit to the AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde.

June 6, 2026

- AgriLife Extension Associate Director, Dr. Dan Hale, is coordinating an NWS Training Module with AgriLife Extension Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), the USDA, and TAHC.

June 5, 2026

- AgriLife Extension Director Rick Avery and DAR Director Monty Dozier, Extension Entomologist Dr. Phillip Kaufman, and Government Relations Officer Julia Crane participated in the Governor's Press Briefing & Conference at the State Operations Center. Associate Director/SOC Liaison Rachel Bauer, PIO Blair Fannin also attended the Press Conference at the SOC.
- 268 AgriLife DAR Specialists, Regional & District Leadership, and County Extension personnel participated in an NWS Discussion TEAMS Session with Extension Entomologist Dr. Sonia Swiger, Extension Livestock Specialists Dr. Karl Harborth and Dr. Ron Gill, and Extension Wildlife Specialist Dr. Marcus Blum.

June 4, 2026

- After confirmation of the positive NWS case in Zavala County on June 3, a DAR Specialist and Area Chief are monitoring the DDEOC activation and attending daily briefings for situational awareness. The DAR Specialist is providing support and educational information on NWS to the CEA and local Emergency Management

officials.

- 26 Disaster Assessment and Recovery Specialists and 4 Area Chiefs are on standby to support TAHC, USDA- APHIS with ESF 11 response efforts if requested.

### **Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL):**

The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) has deployed one laboratory professional to the Texas Animal Health Commission's (TAHC) Pleasanton office to join the United States Department of Agriculture mobile detection unit deployed from USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL). The lab is now operational and accepting samples for identification. A second professional remains stationed in the State Operations Center (SOC) in Austin.

TVMDL is educating clients to contact TAHC for triage of a suspected fly or larvae instead of direct submission to TVMDL. However, TVMDL Client Services staff review every daily submission and flag any cases submitted for fly/larvae ID. Laboratorians who have passed the USDA proficiency test for NWS identification stand ready to review submissions and will immediately contact TAHC and USDA should a suspect case be identified. Suspect samples will be routed as directed by TAHC and USDA.

TVMDL staff are also contributing to the development of a livestock inspectors course, providing expertise on the requirement of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship for the administration of certain medications. Maintenance and management of this course will be provided by AgriLife Extension.

Staff participate in the TAHC Virtual Joint Information Center daily calls.

Laboratory personnel at all four agency locations are on standby to support ESF-11 partners as needed.

[With support from TVMDL, the NVSL mobile lab reviewed 2 cases on June 13, 2026; none were received at any TVMDL location on June 13.](#)

TVMDL veterinarians are assisting the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in producing screwworm collection kits. Talks are ongoing today to secure supplies for more kits.

[June 13, 2026](#)

- With support from TVMDL, the NVSL mobile lab reviewed 3 cases on June 12, 2026; TVMDL reviewed one case from a private citizen on June 12 received at the College Station lab. None were identified as NWS.
- TVMDL veterinarians are assisting the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in producing screwworm collection kits. Talks are ongoing today to secure supplies for more kits.

#### June 12, 2026

- The NVSL mobile lab reviewed 9 cases on June 11, 2026; TVMDL reviewed three cases from private citizens on June 11.

#### June 11, 2026

- In consultation with USDA, TVMDL will send all suspect cases directly to either the Kerrville ARS lab or NVSL mobile detection unit in Texas, with lower suspicion cases sent to NVSL in Ames, IA, for morphologic identification confirmation. There is no intention to do PCR on all samples at this time; it is only being used for cases too difficult to identify through morphologic evaluation by NVSL.
- Five samples were submitted to the mobile detection unit from non-TVMDL sources on June 10; none were identified as NWS.
- As of 12:00 noon on June 11, two samples were submitted to TVMDL's College Station lab from private citizens today, neither were suspected of NWS.

#### June 10, 2026

- Two samples were submitted to the mobile detection unit on June 9; neither were identified as NWS. Three samples were submitted to the TVMDL College Station lab; none were identified as suspect for NWS.

#### June 9, 2026

- TVMDL staff contributed to the development of a livestock inspectors course, providing expertise on the requirement of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship for the administration of certain medications. Maintenance and management of this course will be provided by AgriLife Extension.

#### June 8, 2026

- TVMDL Director Kiril Dimitrov, DVM, PhD, participated in a briefing and press conference with Governor Greg Abbott, Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, and others at the USDA Knippling-Bushland U.S. Livestock Insects Research Laboratory in Kerrville, TX.

#### June 6-7, 2026

- TVMDL distributed larva collection kits from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/funded via a grant from USDA-APHIS, at the summer meeting of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association in Houston.

### **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):**

DSHS State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) is at Increased Readiness in support of this incident.

DSHS is aware of the 11 confirmed cases of NWS in animals in Texas and continues working with state partners and lead agencies to ensure ESF-8 ongoing support.

There are currently no human cases of NWS in Texas. DSHS is prepared to support, as needed, to assist in protecting the Texas livestock industry and wildlife. DSHS is ready to respond to human cases, should that occur.

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#### **Food Safety**

- Texas Meat Safety Assurance continues to actively monitor for potential cases of New World Screwworm at slaughter, provide training, and information to stakeholders. Currently:
  - Learning materials have been distributed to 151 slaughter establishments.
  - In-person engagements have been conducted at 86 establishments.

#### **Ongoing Coordination**

- There will now be two offerings of the webinar 'What Physicians and Other Clinicians Need to Know about New World Screwworm'. The new offering is on June 16, 2026, at 12:00 pm CT – 1:30 pm CT. The original webinar is scheduled for June 18, 2026, at 12:00 pm CT – 1:30 pm CT. Both offerings still have registration open.
- DSHS regional staff continue to reach out to partners in their region to ensure animal control offices, veterinarians, local health departments, county judges, tribal nations, and other regional partners have the latest guidance and resources for identification, sampling, and reporting.

#### **Public Health Region 8 (San Antonio/Uvalde area)**

- Zoonosis Control responded to inquiry for Bexar Co resident reporting backyard poultry with a maggot infested wound. Connected client with TAHC to collect samples. At time of this report, we do not have an update on that sample. Region 8 continues to provide consultations for Region 8 health and medical stakeholders. No outreach activities planned for today.

#### **Public Health Region 9/10 (West Texas)**

- Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control is working with TAHC on a case of NWS in a sheep in Sutton County and contacting animal control and clinics in the area.
- Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control fielded questions from San Angelo Animal Control regarding TNR programs in NWS infested zones.

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- **Food Safety**

- Texas Meat Safety Assurance continues to provide inspection of every animal at state-inspected slaughter establishments and has moved from quarterly to weekly inspection at custom-exempt slaughter facilities.
- There are 0 inspected establishments and 0 Custom Exempt establishments conducting active slaughter activities in the infested zone, and 2 inspected establishments and 0 Custom Exempt establishments conducting active slaughter activities in the Adjacent Surveillance Zone.
- DSHS Dairy sanitarians are working closely with permitted dairies to ensure appropriate use and withdrawal times for authorized drugs to treat NWS.
  - Texas currently has 299 Producer Dairies and 56 Retail Raw Dairies.
  - There is 1 Retail Raw Dairy located in Gillespie County.

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### **Public Health Region 1 (Panhandle Area)**

- Internal engagement 06/12/2026:
  - Informative email sent out to managers with resources for TAHC, TPWD, and DSHS regarding NWS.
- LHD engagement 06/12/2026:
  - PHR 1 Zoonosis Control reached out to the Amarillo public health department for a one-on-one session with their staff. Waiting for a response.
- Animal Control engagement 06/12/2026:
  - PHR 1 Zoonosis is discussing NWS with ACOs and LRCAs during quarantine inspections (which include PD and sheriff).
- Veterinarian Engagement 06/12/2026:
  - PHR 1 Zoonosis reached out to the emergency vet clinic in Lubbock to arrange a round table discussion with veterinarians.

- PHR 1 Zoonosis continued sharing FDA, TAHC, and USDA resources with them (such as approved and conditionally approved drugs, reporting resources, and USDA CAT II veterinarian requirements).

**Public Health Region 4/5 (North Texas/Piney Woods area)**

- On 6/11/2026, PHR 4/5 distributed information and resources on NWS to local health authorities and one tribal nation.

**Public Health Region 6/5S (Southeast/ Houston area)**

- Is conducting internal training to field calls from the public and practitioners.
- Staff have fielded two (2) calls from the public and directed them to information resources.

**Public Health Region 8 (San Antonio/Uvalde area)**

- Preparedness and Response staff, along with OBPH and Zoonosis Control staff, presented at the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas (KTTT) yesterday in Maverick County on Friday, June 12th.
- Zoonosis Control staff handed out 2 NWS test kits to KTTT EPA (Animal Control).
- Preparedness and Response staff have been asked to attend daily NWS briefings with Gillespie County.

**Public Health Region 9/10 (West Texas)**

- NWS was detected in a bovine in Tom Green County. Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control advised San Angelo Animal Control and the Tom Green County Health Department of the detection and provided information and resources.
- Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control met with El Paso Animal Services and El Paso Animal Welfare to discuss NWS.

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- Food Safety
  - Texas Meat Safety Assurance program continues inspections of every animal at state-inspected slaughter establishments and has moved from quarterly to weekly inspections at custom-exempt slaughter facilities.
    - Meat Safety personnel are also continuing to engage in education efforts to increase awareness of New World Screwworm by following up on distributed learning materials with in-person engagement.
    - Training materials are also in the process of being translated into Spanish to facilitate training of Spanish-speaking establishment personnel.

**Public Health Region 1 (Panhandle Area)**

- PHR 1 Zoonosis Control presented NWS information to the South Plains Public Health District (SPPHD) on 06/11/2026
- PHR 1 Zoonosis is coordinating NWS outreach and information sharing with ACOs, LRCAs, PD, LRN, and sheriff offices during quarantine inspections, while disseminating stakeholder communications and resources (FDA, TAHC, TPWD, USDA, and DSHS), including guidance on approved/conditionally approved drugs, reporting procedures, and USDA Category II veterinarian requirements

#### **Public Health Region 2/3 (North Central/DFW area)**

- PHR 2/3 continues to distribute information for the upcoming NWS provider webinar to local health department directors and to Local Health Authorities in PHR 2/3.

#### **Public Health Region 4/5 (North Texas/Piney Woods area)**

- On 6/11/2026, PHR 4/5 distributed information and resources on NWS to local health authorities and one tribal nation.

#### **Public Health Region 6/5S (Southeast/ Houston area)**

- On June 11, the regional Zoonosis Control Program sent clinical resources and DSHS laboratory submission guidance to all epidemiologists in the local health departments (LHDs).
- Flyers and QR codes for the DSHS NWS presentation for clinicians were sent to all regional local health authorities and LHDs.

#### **Public Health Region 7 (Central Texas/Austin Area)**

- PHR7 continues to distribute general NWS resources to local health departments, veterinary contacts, and Animal Control Contacts.
- DSHS Public Health Region 7 continues working with TDEM District Chief 12 to ensure county judges are contacted and have NWS situation awareness.

#### **Public Health Region 8 (San Antonio/Uvalde area)**

- DSHS Region 8 continues to provide resources and outreach to PHR8 contacts, including Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, local emergency managers, animal control officers, and health and medical partners.
- Zoonosis Control program met with the City of Fredericksburg Animal Control to provide further guidance on NWS.
- A link for the recording of last month's statewide ACO Training for New World Screwworm Preparedness was shared with all animal control offices in Region 8.
- The Zoonosis Control Program continues to provide situational updates to DSHS regional veterinarians and PHR8 Staff, ensuring situational awareness of the current NWS response.
- Region 8 staff provided guidance and reporting information to Val Verde &

Kendall County residents concerned about NWS flies.

- Staff from Zoonosis Control, Preparedness and Response, Office of Border Public Health (OBPH) will be presenting on NWS on 6/12 at 1:00pm today to the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas.
  - Attendees will include tribal representatives from EPA, Tribal Services, Road & Bridge, Emergency Management, Clinical Staff, and Spofford Ranch.

### **Public Health Region 9/10 (West Texas)**

- Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control met with El Paso Animal Services and El Paso Animal Welfare to discuss NWS.
- Public Messaging
  - DSHS continues working with state agency partners to ensure that information shared about reporting human cases is correct and includes the best resources for reporting suspected cases.
  - DSHS continues to develop prevention/treatment messaging for agricultural employers, employees, and the general public.

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- Texas Meat Safety Assurance continues inspection of every animal at state-inspected slaughter establishments, entering meat and poultry products into commerce.
  - Texas Meat Safety Assurance is increasing targeted inspection frequency from quarterly to weekly at custom-exempt slaughter facilities across the state that slaughter and process customer-owned animals that do not enter commerce.
  - There are currently 0 state-regulated slaughter establishments in the infested zone, 2 active state-inspected slaughter facilities in the adjacent surveillance zone, and 1 custom-exempt slaughter facility in the adjacent surveillance zone.
  - NWS-specific training materials have been provided to all program staff as well as 122 establishments conducting slaughter activities, with additional education activities ongoing.
- Registration information for a DSHS titled, “What physicians and other clinicians need to know about New World Screwworm” was distributed to healthcare partners. The webinar takes place on June 18 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm central time.
- DSHS continues to focus on food supply safety messaging. DSHS is also developing additional prevention and treatment content for agricultural employers, employees, and the general public.

- Public Health Region 1 (Panhandle Area)
- PHR 1 Epidemiology Program has contacted Amarillo and the South Plains Public Health District. South Plains Public Health District (SPPHD) has scheduled training for 6/11/2026 for PHR 1 to provide NWS information.
- PHR 1 is filling a request from Amarillo for information on human case testing procedures, laboratory procedures, and a 1-page guidance document that can be distributed.
- PHR 1 discussed quarantine inspections with ACOs and LRCAs.
- PHR 1 is working on engagement of County Judges to provide them with DSHS NWS resources, including the reporting flow sheet.
- PHR 1 is printing CDC/DSHS flyers for distribution in the region.
- Conference call with South Plains Public Health District (SPPHD) and stakeholders in their jurisdiction is scheduled for 06/11/2026.
  
- Public Health Region 6/5S (Southeast Texas)
- On June 10, PHR 6/5S Zoonosis Control Program sent an email with general information on NWS and links to resources out to regional animal control officers.
  
- Public Health Region 7 (San Antonio/Uvalde area)
- The Zoonosis Control program is working on an email with general NWS resources to send to local health departments, veterinary contacts, and Animal Control Contacts.
- On 06/11/2026, the Zoonosis Control program has a conference call on NWS with the Zoonosis Control Branch and other DSHS regional zoonosis control veterinarians.
  
- Public Health Region 8 (Central Texas/Austin area)
- Attended Zavala County Commissioner's Court to provide outreach and contact information for NWS
- Conducted field visits to provide outreach for animal control and veterinary contacts in Zavala, Dimmit, Frio & Kendall Counties
  - Crystal City – Code Enforcement / Animal Control
  - Dimmit County - Southwest Animal Hospital
  - Frio County – Pearsall Veterinary Hospital
  - Kendall County – Animal Control/LRCA: delivered 4 NWS testing kits
- Attended EMC briefing in Kendall County.
  - Epidemiology Program attended as well
  - Representatives/officials from Kendall, Gillespie, Kerr, and Bandera in attendance.
  - Regional Veterinarian presented NWS human and animal guidance
  
- Distributed DSHS lab submission guidance, CDC healthcare provider guidance, and reporting guidance to approximately 40 wound care facility contacts in PHR 8.

- Distributed DSHS NWS Physician/Clinician webinar registration flyer to:
  - PHR 8 LHDs
  - Hospital IPs (through STRAC distribution lists)
  - Epi program contacts for: non-hospital IPs, urgent care facilities, wound care facilities
  
- Attended Gonzales County LEPC meeting
  - Representatives/officials from Gonzales County, as well as TAHC, are in attendance. The TAHC Regional Director gave a presentation on the current response and how they plan to integrate with local jurisdictions if/when NWS is detected.

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- The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Information Office (PIO) is developing food supply safety messaging for social media posts and a website Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page.
- Development of “Prevention/treatment” messaging for agricultural employers, employees, and the public is ongoing.
- DSHS will be holding a Webinar titled, “What physicians and other clinicians need to know about New World Screwworm” on June 18 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Central Time. The webinar will provide information on the background of the new world screwworm, a situational update, a clinical overview, discuss case reporting, testing, and laboratory submission, food safety, and will discuss available resources. Registration information will be distributed to healthcare partners later today.
- Texas Meat Safety Assurance created training materials for all state-inspected slaughter establishments and all custom-exempt slaughter establishments. Training material has been sent to inspectors and will be distributed to establishments later today. Texas Meat Safety Assurance has also increased inspection frequency at custom-exempt slaughter establishments.
- DSHS continues to focus on food supply safety messaging. We are also developing additional prevention and treatment content for agricultural employers, employees, and the general public.

Public Health Region (PHR) 7 (San Antonio/Uvalde area)

- Public Health Region 7 activated their Zoonosis Control section as of 06/10/26.
- Zoonosis Control communicated with Bell County Local Health Authority (LHA) and verified there are no active NWS cases.

PHR 8 (Central Texas/Austin area)

- The regional office has increased its readiness status as part of Disaster Districts 18

and 24 Increased Readiness posture.

- Regional staff attended Edwards County Commissioner's Court and Frio County Commissioner's Court to provide contact information for NWS inquiries.
- Zoonosis Program staff met with the following jurisdiction partners (healthcare, public health, and emergency management) to review NWS situational awareness:
  - Edwards County
  - City of Rocksprings
  - Val Verde County
  - City of Del Rio
  - City of Devine Animal Shelter
  - City of Pearsall Animal Shelter
  
- Regional staff have conducted a planning outreach campaign focused on wound care clinics in the Specialized Health and Social Services Program (SHSS)/Texas Health Steps (THSteps) programs.
  
- Regional staff have posted laminated Texas Parks and Wildlife NWS guidance at tractor supply stores on the way to the Edwards County area and plan to post the same information in the Zavala County area on June 10, 2026.
- Today's Activities:
  - The monthly Zavala County Commissioner's Court meets at 9:00 a.m. with representatives from Preparedness and Response (PAR), Epidemiology (Epi), Zoonosis, the data team, the local field nurse, and typically the Regional Director (RD) and Deputy Regional Director (DRD).
  - Kendall County is hosting an Emergency Management Council (EMC) meeting at 3:00 p.m. for Kendall, Kerr, and Gillespie counties. During this session, the Zoonosis Control Program will provide information regarding the NWS.

#### PHR 1 (Panhandle area)

- Epidemiology Program shared links to NWS information and Guidance compiled by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).
- Zoonosis Control Program contacted Animal Control (ACO) and Local Rabies Control Authority (LRCA) in Gaines County to ensure that they are aware of the 1 confirmed case of NWS in Lea County, New Mexico.
- Zoonosis Control asked Lea County, New Mexico, to call if any concerns or questions arise.
- Zoonosis contacted the local vet in Gaines County and discussed the confirmed NWS case in Lea County, New Mexico.

- Current client education and best practices approach have been shared with partners.
- Vet client education, including prevention measures and the necessity of immediate notification of veterinarian/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) if a wound appears to be non-healing and has maggots, was discussed.
- Regional Preparedness Manager contacted TDEM Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 2 District Chief to discuss distribution of TDEM-sourced materials and to share SOC NWS Partner Stakeholder Call information.

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- Texas Meat Safety Assurance inspectors and veterinarians stand ready to detect NWS-infected animals, should they be presented for inspected harvest. DSHS will continue to coordinate with colleagues at the Texas Animal Health Commission to properly handle affected tissues and any associated larvae.
  - Every animal harvested for entry into commerce is inspected by state or federal inspectors. Wounds that are infested with NWS can be expected to be detected by routine inspection practices.
- DSHS Public Health Regions (PHRs) **with** Active Cases:
  - PHR 9/10:
    - Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control program reached out to animal control agencies in Andrews, Midland, Ector, Mason, and Kimble to alert of nearby NWS cases (Lea County, NM, and Gillespie County, TX), provide information, and answer questions.
    - Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control program answered questions and provided NWS current status info to the Andrews LHD lead epidemiologist, and is working on reaching out to local clinics.
    - Region 9/10 Zoonosis Control Program answered questions and provided updates to El Paso Animal Services, El Paso Animal Welfare, and the El Paso LHD regarding NWS current status.
  - PHR 8
    - Regional DSHS staff attended Edwards County and Frio County Commissioners courts, 6/9, to provide guidance and field inquiries.
    - Regional DSHS staff attended LaSalle County Commissioner Court on 6/8 and responded to questions about NWS and provided contact information for further inquiries.
    - DSHS PHR 8 has obtained TAHC NWS Collection kits to distribute, as needed, to local stakeholders (pending further direction) for ACOs if TAHC or local DVMs are unable to get to a suspected case quickly
- DSHS Public Health Regions with **no** current active NWS cases:

- Though no active cases, PHR 1 epidemiological investigations are ongoing following the identification of a New World Screwworm case in a dog in Lea County, NM, on June 8. Due to the proximity of this case to Texas counties, active surveillance is being conducted in Gaines (PHR 1) and Andrews (PHR 9/10) counties.
  - DSHS PHR 1 staff are actively collaborating with local health authorities, veterinarians, and animal control professionals to disseminate critical information and resources. Efforts include: internal training, educational updates, and a recent webinar for animal control staff.
  - PHR 1 is currently at a limited activation level, proactively preparing for potential further developments.
- All DSHS PHR Regional Zoonosis Control Program veterinarians and staff continue to actively work with local health departments, animal control officers (ACOs), and stakeholders to communicate the latest guidance, processes, and reporting.
- The DSHS Central Office (Austin) Zoonosis Control Branch provided a statewide NWS refresher to all regional and local health department epidemiologists on 6/8/26. The presentation included:
  - Processes for quickly identifying any potential human cases
  - Proper laboratory submission
  - Proper case reporting.
- Zoonosis Control continues to partner and support the lead agencies in their response.
- DSHS PIO is prioritizing food supply safety messaging. New social media posts and a website FAQ are currently in development.

June 8, 2026

- A veterinarian in Andrews County reported a confirmed case of NWS, which was initially counted as a case in Texas. Later reports clarified that while the veterinarian lives in Andrews County, the canine resides in a household in Lea County, NM, and has been reclassified as the first case of NWS in New Mexico.
- A suspected case was reported in Val Verde County. The canine was inspected by animal control officers (ACO) and found no evidence of infestation or larvae in the eye and no evidence of NWS.
- Texas Meat Safety Assurance inspectors and veterinarians stand ready to detect NWS-infected animals, should they be presented for inspected harvest. DSHS will continue to coordinate with colleagues at TAHC to properly handle affected tissues and any associated larvae.
- Every animal harvested for entry into commerce is inspected by state or federal inspectors. Wounds that are infested with NWS can be expected to be detected by

routine inspection practices.

- DSHS is working with Joint Information Center partners to support and amplify food safety messaging
  - Currently developing new food safety FAQ for DSHS NWS website; social media
- DSHS continues to encourage animal control officers to take calls from the public and answer their general questions or direct them to online resources.
- DSHS Public Health Region (PHR) 8's Regional Health and Medical Operations Center (RHMOC) changed its activation level to Increased Readiness.
- DSHS is planning a Provider Webinar the week of June 15th. Date/time to be confirmed.

June 7, 2026

- A new USDA NWS detections dashboard is live on the Confirmed Detection of NWS website.
- DSHS Zoonosis Control is supporting the Unified Command on any NWS inquiries, including small animal NWS suspects.
- DSHS Regional Veterinarian provided a list of ACO contacts in Zavala and the surrounding counties to the Federal Unified Command Liaison in Eagle Pass, to coordinate specimen collection of stray animals, if TAHC resources are not available. It is always preferred to use a local veterinarian, but on weekends or at night, those resources may not be available.

June 6, 2026

- The current priority for the agency is food safety and messaging around the safe consumption of meat in Texas.
- DSHS is actively collaborating with TAHC, TPWD, AgriLife, and other state partners.
- DSHS is actively collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on human health aspects of NWS, including specimen collection, submission, and larval identification and messaging alignment.
- On June 5, DSHS released a Spanish-language version of the NWS awareness news release that was previously released on June 4.
- DSHS is currently conducting a social media campaign on awareness, prevention, and food safety, focusing traffic to the DSHS news release.
- Amplifying partner messaging (TAHC, TPWD, USDA, AgriLife).
- DSHS is maintaining the agency's current NWS website with FAQs and partner resources.
- Future DSHS communications focus will be on food supply safety messaging and a new FAQ for the week of June 8.
- DSHS regional office distributed TAHC release through established regional

stakeholder contact lists, which include:

- Animal Control Officers (ACOs)
- Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (DVMs)
- Local Health Departments (LHDs)
- Local Health Authorities (LHAs)
- Hospitals
- Infection Prevention and Control practitioners (ICPs)
- Emergency Management Coordinators (EMCs)
- Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas (KTTT).
- DSHS regional office hosted a New World Screwworm update call on Thursday, June 4, with Public Health Region 8 emergency managers, local health departments, and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
- DSHS regional office conducted outreach with Southwest Texas Veterinary Medical Center in Uvalde and provided the latest TAHC guidance and American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) resources related to NWS detection and reporting.
- DSHS regional office provided the FDA Dear Veterinarian letter published June 5, 2026, to all veterinarians in Public Health Region 8 with conditionally approved drugs for treating NWS myiasis.
- DSHS has been participating in preparedness efforts for NWS for over a year, including over 10 trainings, exercises and outreach activities with multiple local, state, and federal partners. One of the trainings DSHS recently provided in May was a virtual NWS training for Animal Control Officers, where 183 participants from all 8 PHRs participated.

#### Upcoming/Planned Activities

DSHS regional office will conduct outreach activities with the La Salle County Commissioners Court, Edwards County Commissioners Court, and Zavala County Commissioners Court the week of June 8-10.

- DSHS regional office will conduct a meeting with the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas Clinic and Emergency Management partners to review NWS detection, reporting, and awareness procedures.
- DSHS is continuing development on a healthcare provider webinar focused on NWS. Webinar details to follow within the next few days.

#### June 5, 2026

- DSHS Zoonosis Control (ZCB) remains in communication with officials at TAHC, TPWD, and other agencies and continues to monitor the situation closely.
- DSHS Communications operates under a JIC structure with TAHC and TPWD.

- DSHS developed a webpage for relevant information on NWS.
- DSHS will redistribute the previously issued Health Alert from September 2025, containing NWS clinical guidance to medical providers in the affected area.
- DSHS Laboratory will facilitate human specimen submission, perform initial identification on samples received, and forward potentially positive samples to CDC for confirmation.
- DSHS' Meat Safety Assurance program and Milk and Dairy Operations program remain involved in examining livestock to ensure that they do not have signs of disease or pest, including NWS.

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):**

The Texas Department of Agriculture continues to conduct surveillance, gather intelligence, collect evidence, and monitor any signs of the New World Screwworm fly in relevant portions of the state. Traps specific for the New World Screwworm have been deployed and are continually monitored, with all suspect samples sent to our state and federal partners for identification of suspect fly species.

TDA has ramped up against the NWS in South Texas and has drastically increased the number of monitored traps and personnel assigned.

The objective is to conduct surveillance, gather intelligence, collect evidence, and monitor any signs of the New World Screwworm fly.

According to operational updates received from Biosecurity field personnel, NWS trap deployment operations have been completed throughout Webb County and Maverick County and are continuing westward into Kinney County and Val Verde County in accordance with the approved surveillance strategy. Additional trap placements are anticipated as the trapping grid expands across the designated monitoring area. As of 6-9-2026, 142 traps were placed approximately 1 mile apart from Brownsville to North of Webb County.

The deployment route encompassed placing traps every 3 miles along the US/Mexico Border from Webb County all the way to Val Verde County, approximately 105 miles of roadway and rural terrain, focusing on areas identified as priority surveillance zones due to livestock movement, wildlife activity, transportation corridors, and proximity to the international border region.

This enhanced surveillance and trapping plan has now extended from the Boca-Chica and Starbase area in Cameron County, all along the Texas-Mexico border corridor, to Val Verde County, with 142 surveillance traps being deployed.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):**

TCEQ continues to closely monitor the New World Screwworm response and will coordinate with state and federal partners to provide technical assistance and guidance on carcass disposal.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):**

The TxDOT liaison is currently staffing the SOC, where TxDOT Emergency Management personnel continue to monitor the situation and support lead state agency partners. TxDOT continues to coordinate with TAHC regarding the increase and extended specialized fly trap locations along state-maintained Right-of-Ways (ROW) in impacted areas. Additionally, online identification and reporting information has been distributed to all TxDOT offices statewide.

TxDOT continues to coordinate with TAHC regarding compliance checkpoint locations along state-maintained roadways.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):**

Texas Military Department (TMD) is supporting state agency partners in response with a SOC support team.

**Texas Cyber Command (TXCC):**

TXCC is monitoring the situation and stands ready to support the state's response efforts. TXCC is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this event have been identified.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):**

In support of the New World Screwworm Response affecting portions of Texas, the Texas Department of Public Safety personnel are assisting the Texas Animal Health Commission by providing a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper to serve as a liaison at the Incident Command Post in Eagle Pass. Additionally, area Troopers are conducting patrol operations in and around the affected areas of Edwards, Gillespie, La Salle, and Zavala Counties and remain available to respond to requests for assistance if needed at designated TAHC checkpoints.

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- [DPS San Angelo Trooper assisted TAHC with the transportation of test samples from San Angelo to Kerrville.](#)

June 12, 2026

- DPS is providing one dedicated Trooper to the Incident Command Post in Eagle Pass to serve as the region liaison and facilitate coordination efforts.
- THP Troopers in DPS Regions 3 and 6 are patrolling roadways in and near the designated TAHC checkpoint locations during their regularly scheduled duty hours. Personnel remain postured to provide support and respond to requests for assistance as needed. They are working their regular duty hours.

**Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET):**

Activated on June 13, 2026, to deploy to Gillespie County/Fredericksburg to support animal inspections, specimen collections, and animal treatment as needed in support of the TAHC, USDA, and the NWS response. The majority of the team arrived at 1:00 PM at the Gillespie County AgriLife Extension office (designated spot for our team base of operations and housing per County EMC and County Ag Agent). All units were at the base by 4:30 PM, and the team set up the designated area in the Center for our sleeping and meeting space to overnight. Met with the EMC, Ag Agent, and local commissioner that evening. Also connected with TAHC inspectors who were in the area. The team spent the morning completing the AgriLife NWS Preparedness and Response Education Training in anticipation of becoming inspectors.

- Texas A&M VET talked to TAHC inspectors to plan afternoon inspections once they arrived on base at 1000.
- Expect to start missions in the field on the afternoon of June 14, 2026.

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	ICP Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Eagle Pass
TDEM	SOC Support	13	0	Activated	SOC
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	Administration	3	3	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	SMEs	16	16	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	PIO	1	1	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialists/ Area Chiefs	5	5	Assigned	DD 18 & 24/ South Region AC
AgriLife	DAR Specialists/ Area Chiefs	26	18	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	County Extension	6	6	Assigned	Zavala, LaSalle,

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
	Agents				Gillespie, Edwards Counties
AgriLife	County Extension Agents	250+	0	Activated	Statewide
DSHS	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	Administration	1	0	Assigned	Eagle Pass
TAHC	IMT	7	0	Assigned	Eagle Pass
TAHC	Response Staff	51	42	Assigned	Uvalde & Zavala Co.
TAHC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDA	SOC Liaison	2	1	Assigned	Austin
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Cameron County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Hidalgo County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Starr County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Zapata County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Webb County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Maverick County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Harris County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Galveston County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Val Verde County
TDA	Inspector	1	1	Assigned	Kinney County
Texas A&M VET	Type 3 VET	13	12	Assigned	Fredericksburg/ Gillespie County
TMD	SOC Support MRP	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	Game Wardens/ State Park Police	500	500	Available	Statewide
TPWD	Game Wardens	3	3	Assigned	TDEM Region 6/ Zavala Co.
TPWD	Wildlife Biologists	24	8	Assigned	TDEM Region 6
TXCC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TVMDL	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TVMDL	TVMDL Administration	3	3	Activated	College Station
TVMDL	Sample Review / Processing	7	7	Activated	College Station
TVMDL	Parasite ID SMEs	1	1	Activated	Pleasanton/ Jourdanton
TVMDL	Parasite ID SMEs	3	3	Activated	College Station
TVMDL	Veterinary Diagnostics	3	3	Activated	College Station / Canyon
TVMDL	High Throughput Testing	3	3	Activated	College Station
TVMDL	Communications	1	1	Activated	College Station
TVMDL	Quality Assurance	2	2	Activated	College Station

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is currently operating at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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