



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	26-0016 New World Screwworm Response
Date	June 17, 2026
Time	4:00 PM
Reporting Period	2:00 PM June 16, 2026, to 2:00 PM June 17, 2026
Report Number	11

TDEM Regions Affected	6, 7
Disaster Districts Activated	18, 24

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: [Texas Animal Health Commission \(TAHC\)](#) continues to process applications for the certified inspector program and establish additional roadside checkpoints.

[Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) staff have completed NWS Certified Inspector training, while [Game Wardens](#) have received specialized training in larval collection to support response operations.

[Texas A&M AgriLife DAR Specialists](#) have created a one-page resource document with QR Code links to existing resources on livestock management, NWS reporting, quarantine, and confirmed detections to share with County Extension Agents and landowners. The New World Screwworm Pocket Guide is in the final approval stage and will be distributed after approval.

Texas Department of State Health Services distributed educational materials on New World Screwworm, in both English and Spanish, and followed up with in-person engagements at active slaughter establishments.

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):

On June 8, the State Operations Center (SOC) activated to Level II (Escalated Response) in support of the New World Screwworm incident. The SOC directed 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 6/17/26 at 2:00 pm:

Total Confirmed Cases in Texas: 11

Counties affected	Total confirmed cases	Species affected
Zavala	3	cattle
La Salle	2	cattle
Gillespie	1	goats
Edwards	3	cattle, goats
Tom Green	1	cattle
Sutton	1	sheep
Total Confirmed	11	

NWS Certified Inspector Program Statistics

As of 6/13/26 at 2:00 PM

Attempted Final Exam	213
Passed Final Exam	205
Application in Process	55
Certified Inspectors	119

**TAHC expanded eligible applicants to include emergency management personnel. As the program rolls out, TAHC is evaluating expansion of the program to additional groups.*

Mission Information and Details

- Four (4) animal surveillance strike teams conducting animal surveillance and outreach activities within the infested and adjacent zones. They serve as the interface with landowners/producers regarding all prevention activities.
- Six (6) compliance and checkpoint strike teams are operating 16 roadside checkpoints. Roadside checkpoints have been established within the infested and adjacent zones to ensure NWS guideline compliance.
- Evaluating and [processing movement certificate](#) requests as quickly as possible for continuity of business.
- TAHC Regional Staff are working with local producers in the region to answer questions and assist with coordination of local jurisdictions and assets.
- NWS Identification Specialists, located at the NVSL Mobile Lab and USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Lab, are screening suspect larval and fly submissions from the infested and adjacent zones for rapid identification.
- Providing information, outreach, and education to industry, animal owners, stakeholders, and the public about NWS to encourage surveillance and proper reporting.
- The [TAHC New World screwworms webpage](#) is updated regularly to provide information and resources, as it becomes available.

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

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.

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.

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- TPWD Staff have contacted 3,901 TPWD cooperators and permit holders by phone to notify them of the NWS infestations and promote surveillance. 1,778 of those contacts have been to landowners and permit holders within Infested Zone and Surveillance Zone.
- TPWD Wildlife staff completed the NWS Certified Inspector training.
- TPWD staff are monitoring 222 game cameras in 20 Wildlife Management Areas. TPWD's Kerr Wildlife Management Area is located within the Gillespie County Surveillance Zone and is monitoring 9 game cameras for signs of NWS infestations on the property.
- TPWD Game Wardens conducted New World Screwworm collection training provided by TPWD Wildlife Division staff. This training is designed to prepare Game Wardens to assist with larvae collection in the field and to help with the tasks needed to carry out during this response.
- Of the TPWD cooperators that are currently not in a zone in South Texas (3,024) and Edwards Plateau (3,042) 2,123 have been contacted.
- TPWD staff have investigated 1,668 animals statewide and investigated 19 suspect cases.

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. [PIO continues to develop educational and outreach materials for publication and continues to participate in daily Joint Information Center activities.](#)

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.

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

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- The NWS Preparedness and Response Education Course for Livestock Inspection is currently live and available on the AgriLife Learn educational platform. It is available through the AgriLife Learn educational platform, which can be accessed at AgrilifeLearn.tamu.edu. As of 6 a.m. June 17, 2,001 individuals had enrolled in the course, with 353 completing the modules and earning completion certificates from TAHC. Participants who successfully complete the course, pass the final exam, and meet the eligibility requirements may apply to become a TAHC NWS Certified Inspector.
- A one-page resource document has been created by DAR Specialists to share with County Extension Agents and landowners with QR Code links to existing resources on livestock management, NWS reporting, quarantine and confirmed detections.
- The New World Screwworm Pocket Guide is in the final approval stage and will be distributed after approval.

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.

With support from TVMDL, the NVSL mobile lab reviewed 8 cases on June 16, 2026; TVMDL reviewed one case from a private citizen on June 16 received at the College Station lab.

TVMDL is working to validate high-throughput testing, should the need arise.

As of June 16

- With support from TVMDL, the NVSL mobile lab reviewed 2 cases on June 15, 2026; none were received at any TVMDL location on June 15.

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 support the livestock industry, actively monitor potential cases of New World Screwworm at slaughter, provide training, and information to stakeholders. Currently:

- Distributed educational materials on New World Screwworm, in both English and Spanish, and followed up with in-person engagements at active slaughter establishments.

Ongoing Coordination

Public Health Region 1 (Panhandle)

- PHR 1 Epidemiology sent NWS-related materials to PHR1, Plainview, and SPPHD healthcare facilities. Material included:
 - CDC NWS Resources
 - DSHS NWS Brochure English & Spanish
 - NCFH NWS What Farm & Ranch Workers Need to Know
 - DSHS Laboratory Specimen Submission Guidance for New World Screwworm (NWS) Specimen Identification
 - PHR 1 Zoonosis Control contact information.

Public Health Region 8 (San Antonio and Uvalde area)

- Zoonosis Control team traveled to Eagle Pass yesterday to present on mosquito surveillance and NWS to Environmental Health department.
- Provided NWS outreach to Maverick County Animal Control and City of Eagle Pass Animal Control (delivered 2 NWS kits each)

Public Messaging

- DSHS will have a Public Information Officer at the SOC beginning 17 June 2026.

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.

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TDA Inspectors, field staff, and pertinent regional employees are actively pursuing accreditation under the Texas Animal Health Commission and Texas AgriLife NWS Certified Inspector Program. Certified TDA staff can conduct inspections and issue NWS Treatment/Movement Certificates for animals leaving an NWS-infested zone.

The deployment route encompassed placing traps every 3 mile along the US/Mexico Border from Webb County all the way to the 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 now has extended from the Boca-Chica and Starbase area in Cameron County, all along the Texas-Mexico border corridor, to Val Verde County.

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. DPS has assisted TAHC with transportation of test samples as needed.

Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET):

VET operational area is focused on the following counties: Gillespie, Mason, Kimble, Sutton counties, with options for Edwards or Uvalde counties.

Summary animal type statistics of VET activity from Sunday 12n to Wednesday 12n is in the chart below:

Species	Number in herd	Number inspected/treated
Cattle	1,141	693
Goats	2,358	2,153
Sheep	2,117	2,089
Pigs	3	3
Horses	68	45
Cats & Dogs	30	7
Exotics	23	21
Poultry	120	50

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- Completed inspections on 200 goats and a few sheep at the Uvalde County sale barn.
- VET ST worked with TAHC inspector at the Gillespie County sale barn on Tuesday to assist with inspections of over 4000 sheep/goats and are back there on Wednesday for the cattle sale which will conclude later in the day on 6/17.
- Strike Teams visited multiple small ranches (4 by one strike team, 1-2 each for the others) in Gillespie and Kerr Counties – this also included exotic animal ranches and facilities, a process which continues today.
- The total number of animal inspections since Sunday, June 14 at noon is 5,061.

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 Agents	6	6	Assigned	Zavala, LaSalle, Gillespie, Edwards Counties
AgriLife	County Extension Agents	250+	0	Activated	Statewide
DPS	THP Corporal	1	1	Assigned	Eagle Pass
DPS	THP Chief's Office SOC Support	1	1	Assigned	Austin
DPS	THP Corporal	1	1	Assigned	Pleasanton
DSHS	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	PIO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	Administration	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	IMT	5	0	Assigned	Jourdanton
TAHC	Response Staff	51	62	Assigned	Various Infested Zones

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
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	20	12	Assigned	Fredericksburg/ Gillespie County
TMD	SOC Support MRP	10	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	45	8	Assigned	TDEM Region 6
TXCC	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
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)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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