



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	26-0016 New World Screwworm Response
Date	June 20, 2026
Time	4:00 PM
Reporting Period	2:00 PM June 19, 2026, to 2:00 PM June 20, 2026
Report Number	14

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: The Texas Animal Health Commission continues to support New World Screwworm response efforts through animal surveillance, inspections, compliance monitoring, roadside checkpoint operations, and stakeholder outreach within affected areas. The agency remains focused on facilitating livestock movement by timely processing movement certificates and supporting diagnostic and surveillance activities through mobile laboratory operations.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff continue to support New World Screwworm surveillance and outreach efforts through extensive engagement with cooperators and permit holders across affected and at-risk regions of the state. Staff is conducting direct outreach to raise awareness of infestations, encourage reporting, and promote surveillance activities among landowners and partners.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service continues to expand statewide preparedness efforts through its New World Screwworm Preparedness and Response Education Course for Livestock Inspection. Engagement remains strong from livestock industry

stakeholders seeking to enhance their knowledge of New World Screwworm identification, surveillance, reporting, and response procedures.

The Texas Department of State Health Services continues to support statewide New World Screwworm preparedness and response efforts through coordinated public messaging and stakeholder outreach. The agency has provided fact sheets, flyers, reporting aids, and guidance documents for publication on screwworm.texas.gov.

On June 19, Governor Greg Abbott announced the launch of an enhanced website that offers comprehensive information for Texans related to the New World Screwworm (NWS). Located in TDEM's Disaster Portal, Texans can visit screwworm.texas.gov to access a "one stop shop" of information and resources from state agency partners engaged in NWS response.

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 6/20/26 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 6/20/26 at 2:00 PM

Attempted Final Exam	213
Passed Final Exam	205
Application in Process	8
Certified Inspectors	222(+15)

**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

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- To date, there have been 6,204 animal inspections completed.
- Five (5) Animal inspection/movement groups with multiple teams conducting animal surveillance/inspection and outreach activities within the infested and adjacent zones.
- Eleven (11) 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.
- One (1) TAHC entomologist has been assigned to the mobile laboratory to assist.
- 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 4,578 TPWD cooperators and permit holders by phone to notify them of the NWS infestations and promote surveillance.
- In addition to cooperators located in a zone, TPWD staff are also contacting all available TPWD cooperators that are currently not in a zone in South Texas and the Edwards Plateau. As of this report, 2,798 TPWD cooperators on that list have been contacted.
- TPWD staff are monitoring 295 game cameras in 30 Wildlife Management areas. San Angelo State Park is monitoring five game cameras.
- TPWD staff have presented on NWS at nine workshops totaling approximately 1,735 attendees.
- TPWD staff have investigated 2,090 animals statewide and investigated 28 suspect cases.

As of June 19

- TPWD staff have actively secured 61 NWS traps and 22 Ground Release Chambers locations by contacting TPWD cooperating landowners at the request of TAHC and USDA.
- TPWD Wildlife veterinarians and Wildlife Health Specialists have provided NWS presentations, refresher courses, sample collection training, and SOP overview to 351 TPWD Wildlife staff, 386 TPWD LE, and 76 State Park attendees.

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 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.

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- [As of 11 a.m. on June 20, 2,743 individuals are enrolled in the NWS Preparedness and Response Education Course for Livestock Inspection, with 785 course completions.](#)

As of June 19

- The USDA announced the outcome of the NWS Grand Challenge program, where the focus is to develop new tools to aggressively detect, treat, or mitigate the impacts of NWS. Several AgriLife Research scientists were recognized for this challenge.
- 708 new NWS sample kits have been made for distribution.

- AgriLife Leadership testified to the State House Agriculture Committee on efforts associated with AgriLife towards supporting the NWS response, including progress on inclusion of medicated feed for deer.

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.

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.

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.

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

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- With support from TVMDL, the NVSL mobile lab reviewed 2 cases on June 19, 2026; TVMDL received one case from a private citizen on June 19 at the College Station laboratory location.
- TVMDL communications personnel documented multimedia content of TVMDL staff training efforts at the NVSL Mobile Animal Disease Laboratory (MADL).

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

DSHS State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) is at Increased Readiness in support of this incident. DSHS continues working with state partners and lead agencies to ensure ESF-8's ongoing support.

There are currently no confirmed 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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Public Messaging

- DSHS has provided factsheets, flyers, reporting aids and guidance documents to TDEM for upload to screwworm.texas.gov.
- DSHS Zoonosis Control Branch will be hosting (2) webinars:
 - “Animal Control Officer (ACO) Training New World Screwworm Response” on Tuesday, June 23, from 10:00 to 11:30am CST
 - “Operational Response to New World Screwworm” on Thursday, June 25, from 12:00 to 1:30pm CST
- DSHS has updated its website with reporting aids for animal control officers and local health departments and added flyers for agricultural producers, employees and general public. Additionally, DSHS is developing a new easy-to-read guide for the public to understand how to report possible cases of NWS.
- DSHS continues working with state agency partners to ensure that information shared about surveillance and reporting is correct and includes the most up to date federal and state resources.
- DSHS Public Information Officers continues to participate in Joint Information Center activities.

As of June 19

Food Safety

- Texas Meat Safety Assurance continues to support the livestock industry, actively monitors potential cases of New World Screwworm at slaughter, provide training, and information to stakeholders. Currently:
 - Inspections of every animal continue at state-inspected slaughter establishments, and weekly inspections continue at custom-exempt slaughter facilities.
 - There are 0 inspected establishments and 0 Custom Exempt establishments conducting active slaughter activities in the infested zones and 3 inspected establishments and 1 Custom Exempt establishments conducting active slaughter activities in all Adjacent Surveillance Zones.
 - 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.
- Meat Safety personnel are also continuing to engage in education efforts to increase awareness of New World Screwworm. Learning materials, in both Spanish and English, have been distributed to 153 slaughter establishments and follow-up in-person engagements have been conducted at 136 establishments.

Ongoing Coordination

- DSHS Public Health Region 1 (Panhandle)
 - 5 animal quarantine locations are being visited
- DSHS Public Health Region 4/5N (North Texas/ Piney Woods area)
 - Region 4/5N in collaboration with other regional ZC teams, completing and planning NWS tabletop exercises for ACOs and local stakeholders.
- DSHS Public Health Region 8 (San Antonio and Uvalde area)
 - DSHS Region 8 Zoonosis Control, Preparedness and Response continue outreach and response to stakeholder inquiries.
 - Zoonosis Control staff conducted shelter inspections in Kirby, Bexar County, and City of San Antonio. NWS outreach provided during inspections.
 - The Zoonosis Control team facilitated submission of samples to the state lab from a Victoria County patient for NWS to rule out. Results were expected on June 18; however, delayed due to shipping, currently low suspicion.
 - Preparedness and Response provided an NWS situation update to health and medical partners at the STRAC Emergency Hospital Disaster Group meeting.
 - Staff from Specialized Health and Social Services and Tx Health Steps programs have provided outreach to wound care centers in Region 8.
 - Comal County along with Guadalupe County will host a joint NWS planning meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 1:00pm. TAHC, TPWD, DSHS and TxAgriLife have been invited to attend and present the current situation.
- DSHS Public Health Region 9/10 (West Texas)
 - Provided training on current status of NWS, sample submission, and where to locate information and resources to a group of 12 Animal Control Officers.

- Zoonosis Control Branch (ZCB).
 - Animal Control Officer (ACO) Training New World Screwworm (NWS) Response [webinar](#).
 - Date: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 from 10 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
 - In preparation for this webinar, DSHS Zoonosis team is conducting a brief survey of ACOs to identify key training topics to include.

DSHS staff across regional offices continue reaching out to partners to ensure animal control officers, veterinarians, local health departments, county judges, tribal nations, and other regional partners have the latest guidance and resources for identification, sampling, and reporting new world screwworm.

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.

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):

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. 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. 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 has returned from an assigned status in the field to an available status from home stations and remain available on an as-needed basis.

VET's operational area 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 6/14 at noon to 6/18 at noon is in the chart below:

Species	Number in herd	Number inspected/treated
Cattle	1,841	1,399
Goats	2,359	2,154
Sheep	2,117	2,089
Pigs	4	4
Horses	74	53
Cats & Dogs	33	8
Exotics	23	21
Poultry	120	50

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	1	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	PIO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	Administration	1	0	Assigned	Remote
TAHC	IMT	9	0	Assigned	Jourdanton
TAHC	Entomologist	1	1	Assigned	NSVL Mobile Lab
TAHC	Response Staff	43	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	15	12	Available	Fredericksburg/ Gillespie County
TMD	SOC Support MRP	11	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	15	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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