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New World Screwworm Emergency Response

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The materials on this page are specific to New World screwworm (NWS). You can use these tools and resources to prepare for and respond to an outbreak of this pest.

We also offer materials that apply not only to NWS, but other foreign animal pests and diseases as well. To view these materials, visit [Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response](#).

To learn more about the current response to NWS, visit [screwworm.gov](#). There, you'll find the [USDA dashboard](#) that tracks confirmed NWS detections in the United States, along with resources from across the Federal government and more.

Changelog: Recently Updated Documents

7/20/26 | [USDA Authorization for Response and Associated Activities](#) (141.88 KB)

Update: Clarifies that only APHIS-approved laboratories or entomologists can status NWS cases as presumptive positive prior to NVSL confirmatory testing.

NWS Response and Policy Information

[Feedback on NWS Response Playbook](#)

APHIS welcomes ongoing feedback from our State and industry partners on the [NWS Response Playbook](#) (884.59 KB).

Supplemental guidance and materials referenced in the playbook are available in the accordions below. We appreciate your continued coordination and collaboration. Your feedback helps us refine the playbook and keep State and Federal response efforts aligned.



[NWS Response Playbook](#)

[\(PDF, 884.59 KB\)](#)

[An operational plan detailing field response, including key activities, resources, and tools for an adaptive NWS outbreak response and surveillance.](#)

[NWS Response Playbook Infographic](#)

[\(PDF, 104.72 KB\)](#)

[A quick overview of the key activities in the NWS Response Playbook, highlighting the main steps in surveillance, containment, and coordination.](#)

[Disease Response Strategy: NWS Myiasis](#)

[\(PDF, 925.21 KB\)](#)

[Official USDA disease strategy with core foundational scientific information and historical context for Federal, State, and international partners.](#)

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Strategy and Policy

Document	Updated
USDA Authorization for Response and Associated Activities (141.88 KB)	July 20, 2026
Initial Epidemiological (Epi) Questionnaire	April 8, 2026
Response Ready Reference Guide—Establishing and Releasing NWS Zones and Areas	April 8, 2026
Phases and Types of an Outbreak	April 8, 2026

Administration Processes

Document	Updated
Foreign Animal Disease Investigation Guide for NWS (376.65 KB)	July 2025
Fly Assessment Form (139.24 KB)	September 13, 2026
Pre-Movement Animal Inspection Checklist	April 8, 2026
Checklist for Management of Premises With Infested Animals	April 8, 2026

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[Best Practices for Evaluation of Animals for NWS](#)

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Surveillance and Diagnostics

Document

Updated

[Overview of Wildlife Surveillance](#)

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[Fly Surveillance and Site Selection Methods](#) (180.13 KB) May 31, 2017

Quarantine, Animal Movement Requirements, Continuity of Business

Document

Updated

[National Continuity of Business: Standardized Animal Movement Certificate Guidance](#) (608.23 KB)

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Disposal and Disinfestation

Document

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[Disposal and Disinfestation of Animals and Materials](#) April 8, 2026

Other Resources and Guidance Documents

Document

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[Considerations for Use of Antiparasitic Drugs and Pesticides in Free-Ranging Wildlife](#)

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NWS Resources

Find detailed resources concerning an NWS outbreak.

[NWS Ready Reference Guides](#)

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Information About Past NWS Outbreaks

[Final Report for the APHIS Veterinary Services Response to the 2016-2017 NWS Outbreak in Florida](#) (2.9 MB) (May 2017)

[Powerpoint to the Final Report for the APHIS Veterinary Services Response to the 2016-2017 NWS Outbreak in Florida](#) (2.65 MB) (May 2017)

[Map Video: NWS Investigations in the United States, January 2016–April 2017](#)

[Map Video: NWS Investigations in Florida, January 2016–April 2017](#)

Related Links

- [Carcass Management Dashboard](#)
- [Emergency Management Response System](#)
- [African Swine Fever Emergency Response](#)
- [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response](#)
- [Foot-and-Mouth Disease Emergency Response](#)
- [Virulent Newcastle Disease Emergency Response](#)
- [National Veterinary Stockpile](#)
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