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USDA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Break Ground on New Texas Sterile Fly Production Facility

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Groundbreaking Marks Next Major Milestone in Strengthening U.S. New World Screwworm Preparedness

Edinburg, TX, April 17, 2026—Today, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins and Lieutenant General William H. “Butch” Graham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) commanding general, led the groundbreaking for the new sterile fly production facility at Moore Air Base in Edinburg, Texas. USDA is partnering with USACE to construct this facility, which is a cornerstone of Secretary Rollins’ [five-pronged strategy](#) to combat New World Screwworm (NWS), expanding the nation’s domestic capacity to protect livestock, wildlife, and public health from this serious pest.

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