

NEW WORLD SCREWORM RESPONSE ACTIONS

USDA and its partners have spent the past 18 months building the strongest NWS response this country has ever had.

STRENGTHENING OUR DEFENSES:

-  More than **8,000 surveillance traps** now protect the southern border.
-  More than **100 dedicated NWS traps** are monitoring for the pest.
-  Conducted **1,000+ drone flights** surveying more than 20,000 animals.
-  Monitored more than **130 trail cameras**, reviewing **17,000 wildlife observations**.
-  Expanded APHIS's dedicated NWS **workforce by 1,000%**, from just 10 employees to 110 employees now.

ERADICATING NWS:

-  Releasing **100 million sterile flies every week** across Texas and Mexico.
-  Opened the Moore Air Base dispersal facility in Edinburg, allowing us to release **80+ million sterile flies/week**.
-  Renovated the Metapa production facility in Mexico, **adding capacity for 100 million flies/week**.
-  Building a permanent sterile fly production facility in Texas capable of producing up to **300 million flies/week**.
-  Investing **\$105 million** through the NWS Grand Challenge to accelerate new innovation.

ON THE GROUND:

-  Established a Unified Incident Command with the Texas Animal Health Commission.
-  Worked hand-in-hand with State, Federal, and international partners.
-  Implemented **20-kilometer movement control zones** around every detection.
-  Increased sterile fly releases around every detection to **immediately suppress any potential spread**.
-  Partnered with DHS to leverage drone capabilities to **monitor wildlife**.
-  Developed the **NWS Certified Inspector Program** in Texas.