

Press Release

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New World Screwworm Outbreak in Murray County, Georgia

MURRAY COUNTY, GEORGIA — Georgia Farm Bureau is currently responding to reports of confirmed cases of New World Screwworm (NWS) in Murray County, GA. The first case was confirmed at (time) on (day). New World Screwworm is an invasive parasite that poses a threat to livestock, pets, and wildlife as it can be fatal if left untreated.

At this time, Georgia Farm Bureau advises all farms to halt operations and livestock movement immediately. We urge producers to closely inspect all livestock and pets for wounds, lesions, or unusual behavior. Report any suspected cases to Georgia Department of Agriculture and local veterinarians immediately.

“Early detection is critical when it comes to New World Screwworm,” said Dr. Todd Callaway, a researcher in animal science at The University of Georgia. “A single case can spread quickly through livestock populations, so awareness and rapid reporting are key to protecting Georgia’s agriculture industry.”

Georgia Farm Bureau is committed to working closely with state and federal agencies to monitor the NWS outbreak, providing farmers and the public with further updates as information becomes available.

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