



The Sentinel

Newsletter of
the Florida State
Agricultural
Response Team

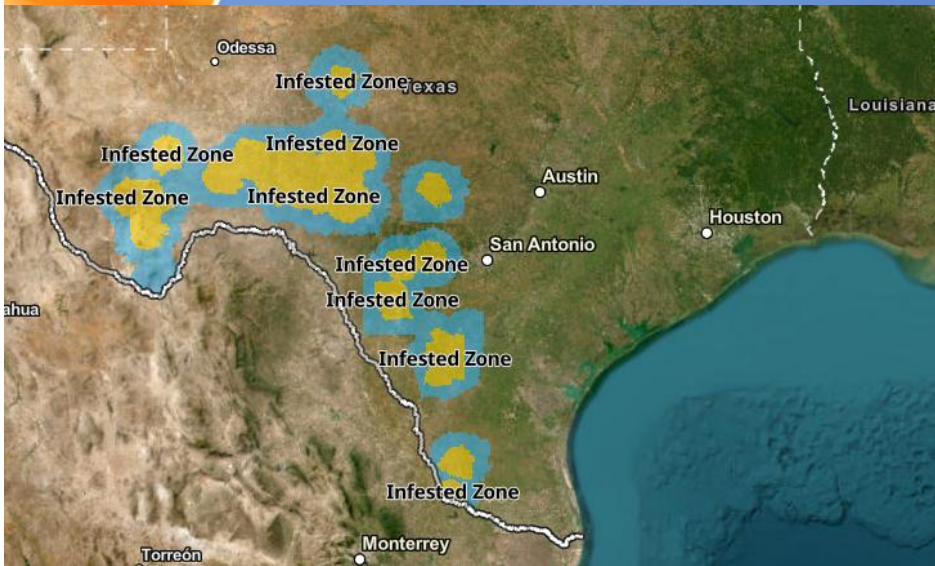


Image: Heat map of areas in Texas with confirmed NWS cases.
(Texas Animal Health Commission)

Heightened Restrictions Continue to Prevent New World Screwworm Threat in Florida

Following the detection of New World Screwworm (NWS) in the Mexican state of Sonora, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson added nine new counties to Florida's list of high-risk areas on August 20, 2026. The updated list now includes four counties in California and five new counties in Arizona. Animals traveling from these areas are now subject to the movement restrictions implemented in Emergency Rule 5CER26-7. Visit [FDACS.gov/NWS](https://fdacs.gov/NWS) for a complete list of affected counties in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

The total number of NWS cases in the United States grew to 47 in August. The newly identified U.S. infestations were confined to Texas counties on the Designated Infested Zone list. Ongoing mitigation measures by Florida Department of Agriculture and

Consumer Services (FDACS) personnel continue to keep Florida free of the destructive pest.

Federal Response Activities

While the State of Florida maintains its proactive stance, federal government agencies took additional steps in August to further contain the NWS threat.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

On August 10, 2026, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) during an event at Moore Air Base in Texas.

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Special Features of this Issue:

- *Bridging Communication Networks: Aligning with County Emergency Management*
- *Florida SARC Partnering with Virginia Emergency Management*
- *2026 Florida CERT Annual Conference*

***"The FDA recognizes
that the impact of
New World
screwworm extends
beyond the farm
gate."***

— Timothy Schell, Ph.D.
Director
Center for Veterinary Medicine
U.S. Food and Drug Administration



Heightened Restrictions Continue to Prevent New World Screwworm Threat in Florida (continued)



Image source: USDA

The MOU followed Secretary Rollins' July 29th announcement of the USDA's intent to invest \$25 million in the construction of a new sterile fly dispersal facility at the Port of Entry in Douglas, Arizona. The key elements of the MOU between the USDA and DHS seeks to leverage advanced technologies for threat detection, enhance real-time information sharing, and establish protocols for response coordination, joint training, and capacity building.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Continuing the theme of whole-of-government response, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued two Emergency Use Authorization (EUAs) for medications to prevent New World Screwworm infestation before it starts.

The first EUA was issued on August 7th for CLiK Extra (dicyclanil topical suspension) wound spray. CLiK Extra is a preventative treatment applied to and around wounds on sheep, cattle, goats, swine, camelids (e.g., camels, llamas, alpacas) that do not show signs of NWS infestation. The spray was also approved for treatment of wounds in the following captive and captured wildlife species: cervids (e.g., deer, elk), American bison, bighorn sheep, and Sonoran pronghorn. CLiK Extra wound spray is available over the counter for topical use on or around wounds. Rather than killing NWS larvae, it acts as an insect growth regulator that disrupts the development of larvae and halts their lifecycle before they can cause tissue damage in the host animal.

On August 13th, the FDA issued an EUA for Simparica TRIO (sarolaner, moxidectin, and pyrantel chewable tablets) for the treatment of NWS infestations in dogs and puppies. Based on the available scientific evidence, the FDA concluded that EAU for Simparica TRIO is a reasonable measure to reduce the risk of infestation and spread of NWS. Though most dogs are at very low risk for exposure, those animals in or from the Infested Zone should be closely monitored for signs of infestation. Simparica TRIO carries a risk of adverse neurologic reactions and is, therefore, only available by prescription.

Animals exhibiting the signs or symptoms of NWS infestation should be evaluated by a licensed veterinarian.

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FDA-CONDITIONALLY APPROVED & AUTHORIZED ANIMAL DRUG OPTIONS

The **FDA** has expanded access to medications to prevent and treat **New World Screwworm (NWS)** in animals. While there are currently no products with FDA approval for NWS, below is a summary of products conditionally approved and authorized by the FDA as of August 27, 2026.

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED BY FDA



Dectomax-CA1(doramectin injection):
Prevention and treatment of NWS in cattle; prevention of reinfestation for 21 days.



Exzolt Cattle-CA1 (fluralaner topical solution): Prevention and treatment of NWS in cattle.



Credelio Quattro-CA1 (lotilaner, moxidectin, praziquantel, pyrantel):
Treatment of NWS in dogs.

EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATIONS (EUAS) BY FDA



NexGard (afoxolaner) chewable tablets: Treatment of NWS in dogs and puppies.
NexGard COMBO(esafoxolaner, eprinomectin, and praziquantel topical solution):
Treatment of NWS in cats and kittens.



Credelio (lotilaner) chewable tablets: Treatment of NWS in dogs and puppies.
Credelio CAT (lotilaner) chewable tablets: Treatment of NWS in cats and kittens.



Dectomax/Dectomax-CA1 (doramectin injection): Prevention and treatment of NWS in dairy cattle. Prevention of NWS in horses, swine, sheep, and deer



Ivomec (ivermectin) injectable solution: Prevention of NWS in cattle
Bimectin (ivermectin) injection: Prevention of NWS in cattle



Negasunt Powder (coumaphos, propoxur, and sulfanilamide topical powder):
Prevention and treatment of NWS in cattle, swine, goats, sheep, horses, donkeys, domestic hybrid equids, and captive wild, exotic, and zoo mammals.



F10 Antiseptic Wound Spray and Barrier Ointment with Insecticide (benzalkonium chloride, polyhexanide and cypermethrin topical ointment): Prevention and treatment of NWS in cattle, horses, minor species of hoof stock, raptors and other wild birds, pet birds, and captive wild, exotic, and zoo mammals.



Nitenpyram Tablets (nitenpyram): Treatment of NWS in dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens



Ivermectin Liquid for Horses (ivermectin oral solution): Prevention of NWS in horses.



CLiK Extra (dicyclanil topical suspension) wound spray:
Prevention of NWS in sheep, cattle, goats, swine, camelids, and the following captive and captured wildlife species: cervids, American bison, bighorn sheep, and Sonoran pronghorn.



Simparica TRIO (sarolaner, moxidectin, and pyrantel chewable tablets):
Treatment of NWS in dogs and puppies

New World Screwworm

Story provided by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

New World Screwworms are fly larvae (maggots) that can infest livestock and other warm-blooded animals, including people. They most often enter an animal through an open wound. They feed on the animal's living flesh and, if not treated, infestations can be fatal. While New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) has not been widely present in the United States since the 1960s, it is still found in most of South America and in five Caribbean countries. Cases began spreading in 2023, heading north from Panama, and have reached southern Mexico, increasing the risk of reintroduction into the United States.



Image source: FDACS

Signs

Screwworms are typically found on warm-blooded animals that have a draining or enlarging wound.

Screwworm eggs are creamy and white and deposited in a shingle-like manner on or near the edges of superficial wounds. The larvae are cylindrical with one pointed end and one blunt end and have rings of dark brown spines around the body. Female screwworm flies are larger than a housefly with a dark blue to blue-green body and reddish-orange head.

Almost any type of wound can become infested with screwworm larvae, including those caused by feeding ticks, castration, dehorning, branding, shearing, barbed wire fences, and even shedding of antler velvet in deer. The navels of newborn mammals can also become infested.

Guidance for Animal Health

Carefully inspect animal wounds and hides for signs of screwworm. Owners should immediately consult their veterinarian if a case of screwworm is suspected.

Treatment

Screwworm infestation is treated by cleaning the site and topical application of a pesticide or other medication effective at killing the screwworm larvae. Treated wounds should be inspected daily until completely healed. The examining veterinarian will remove larvae from the wound with tweezers, place them in alcohol, and report to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Animal Industry (State Veterinarian's Office).

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New World Screwworm (continued)

Separating Fact from Fiction

Understanding the facts about New World Screwworm is critical to containing the spread of NWS and addressing public concern. The USDA's NWS Myth Busters fact sheet identifies and dispels common misconceptions related to Screwworm. For example, presence of fly larvae is not necessarily indicative of a Screwworm infestation. Botfly and blowfly infestations present similarly to NWS and may coexist with NWS in some instances. Examination of a specimen by an entomologist is necessary to positively identify the fly larvae species. Additionally, the publication explains that NWS is not contagious, is not a food safety concern, and that culling an entire herd due to the presence of NWS is not necessary.

More details may be found at:

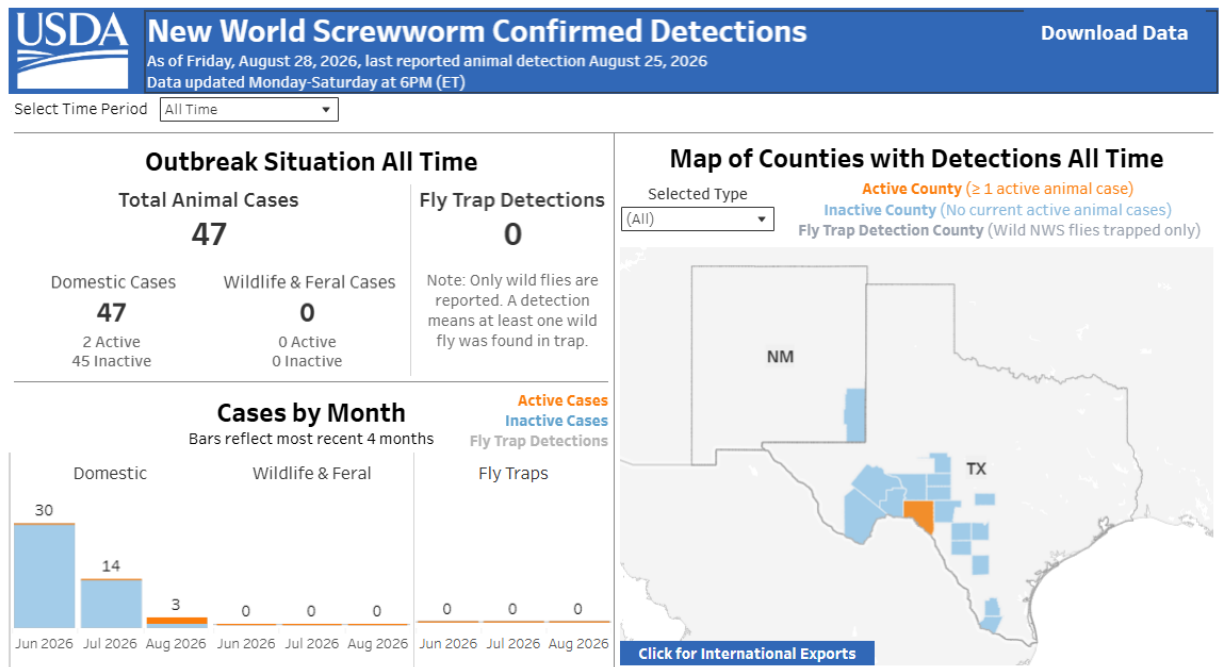
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/nws-myth-busters.pdf>

Report Suspected Cases

- **By phone during office hours:** (850) 410-0900
- **By phone after hours:** 1-800-342-5869
- **Via email:** RAD@FDACS.gov
- **Report online at:** www.FDACS.gov/RAD

Wildlife Reports

To report sick or injured wildlife, including a suspected New World Screwworm infestation, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or email the Wildlife Health Team at WildlifeHealthTeam@MyFWC.com.



Source: USDA/APHIS, August 28, 2026.

New World Screwworm Resources

- [Commissioner Wilton Simpson Issues Emergency Rule to Further Protect Florida from Threat of New World Screwworm](#)
- [USDA APHIS – Information on the Screwworm Eradication Program](#)
- [FDACS – New World Screwworm Information Page](#)
- [FDA – New World Screwworm Information for Veterinarians](#)

NEW WORLD SCREWORM(NWS) ENHANCED PROTOCOLS

June 2026

ANIMAL MOVEMENT WITHIN FLORIDA

No enhanced NWS protocols, visit [FDACS.gov/AnimalMovement](https://fdacs.gov/AnimalMovement) for existing animal movement requirements.



ANIMAL IMPORTS FROM NON HIGH-RISK NWS AREAS

No enhanced NWS protocols, visit [FDACS.gov/AnimalMovement](https://fdacs.gov/AnimalMovement) for existing animal movement requirements.



ANIMAL IMPORTS FROM HIGH-RISK NWS AREAS

- Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI), valid for 5 days from date of inspection, documenting that all animals have been inspected and found free of disease and pests, including NWS.
- Without a valid OCVI, imports will be quarantined and fines will be levied.



ANIMAL IMPORTS FROM NWS INFESTED ZONES

- No imports of warm-blooded animals until June 12, 2026.
- After June 12, all warm-blooded animals must receive a Florida Certificate of Animal Movement and prior permission number, applied for 2 days in advance of arrival.
- Certificate will require an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI), valid for 5 days from date of inspection, documentation of inspection, documentation of effective treatment for NWS.
- Without a Florida Certificate of Animal Movement and required documentation, imports will be turned away at the border, beginning June 12, 2026.

For the latest information on the New World Screwworm, zone designations, and animal movement protocols, visit [FDACS.gov/NWS](https://fdacs.gov/NWS) or scan the QR code above.





Deadline for Agricultural Producers to Apply for Over \$600M in Hurricane Disaster Relief

Disaster Relief Grants Support Agricultural Producers Who Experienced Impacts from 2023 and 2024 Hurricanes

On August 20, 2026, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson announced an extension for Florida's agricultural producers to apply for more than \$600 million in disaster assistance for impacts from the 2023 and 2024 hurricane seasons. Florida producers now have until January 1, 2027, to apply for the Florida Block Grant Disaster Relief Program. Eligible agricultural producers can apply for grant funding to address infrastructure damage, market loss, citrus loss, and timber damage caused by recent hurricanes.

"Florida's farmers are self-reliant and do not like to ask for help, but we encourage any producers who suffered damage or loss to apply to the Block Grant Disaster Relief Program. We have staff standing by to support producers with the application process and have streamlined the program to ensure that impacted producers can receive grant funding as quickly as possible," said Commissioner Wilton Simpson. "Extending the application deadline allows more producers to access this critical assistance to rebuild and recover. Food security is a national security issue, and we will continue to do everything we can to support the men and women who feed our state and nation."

Since the application window was launched, more than 600 producers have been approved for nearly \$100 million in disaster relief grants. Before starting the application process, producers are encouraged to review eligibility information and gather required documentation. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) has launched a centralized online information hub at blockgrant.fdacs.gov that provides information on eligibility, documentation requirements, and application details.

Florida was the first state in the nation to finalize an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to implement this newly authorized disaster block grant program. More than \$600 million in federal funding represents approximately 35 percent of Florida's total agricultural losses and damage from the 2023 and 2024 hurricane seasons.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. All completed applications must be submitted by January 1, 2027, or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

The program is open to agricultural producers located in counties designated as primary or contiguous disaster areas who are U.S. citizens or legal entities with ownership or risk in affected commodities.

Relief funding will assist eligible producers with:

- Infrastructure damage
- Market loss compensation
- Citrus-specific impacts, including infrastructure and future economic loss
- Timber damage

Additional information on the program, including eligibility and documentation requirements, is available at blockgrant.fdacs.gov.

Source: <https://www.fdacs.gov/News-Events/Press-Releases/2026-Press-Releases/Commissioner-Wilton-Simpson-Extends-Deadline-for-Agricultural-Producers-to-Apply-for-Over-600M-in-Hurricane-Disaster-Relief>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Small Animal Emergency Sheltering Training

Florida State Animal Response Coalition (FLSARC) provides Small Animal Emergency Sheltering training for Florida communities. These courses teach the unique procedures, skills, and knowledge necessary to build and operate a temporary emergency animal shelter in response to natural disasters and animal cruelty cases. These courses were created and designed by experts from many organizations including Florida SART, University of Florida Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service (VETS) Team, and leadership of FLSARC. This training is state-certified by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Awareness Level 1	Operations Level 2
- September 12-13, Online Virtual - October 3, Taylor County	TBD

To register, visit: <https://flsarc.org/training-classes-events>

SART Partners Meeting

The next in-person SART Partners Meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2026, at 10 a.m. at the Florida Farm Bureau located at 5700 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608.



In the News...

- [K9 Ace becomes first canine patient saved by Tampa General Aeromed](#) (Fox13 Tampa Bay)
- [Fighting Florida's invasive species, UF/IFAS interns are on the front lines gaining hands-on experience](#) (UF/IFAS)
- [Dr. Chris Adin selected as dean of UF's College of Veterinary Medicine](#) (UF/Veterinary Medicine)
- [Horse rescued by helicopter after rider thrown during Tevis Cup endurance ride](#) (abc7-KRCR)

Florida SARC Partnering with Virginia Emergency Management



Image source: Florida Animal Response Coalition

In August, Florida State Animal Response Coalition (SARC) traveled to Surry County, Virginia for a three-day combination training sponsored by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM).

The training combined Florida SARC's Awareness and Operations courses, bringing together state and county emergency management planners and animal response staff from across the area. Participants progressed from the fundamentals of emergency animal sheltering to the operational considerations involved in establishing and managing temporary animal shelters and supporting animal transportation operations.

The partnership also reinforced the importance of integrating animals into the larger emergency management picture. Evacuation, transportation, sheltering and resource management all have important animal considerations, and addressing them before a disaster helps communities build more complete emergency planning and response.

Read more at: www.flsarc.org



SART Offers Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training – Register Now!

The Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training is the first of its kind to be offered in Florida. The Training guidance to private, local, and state entities on how to plan for and operate a pet-friendly shelter to ensure that individuals evacuating from a disaster with their household pets are accommodated.



This training includes useful information on how to:

- Use the Incident Command System in pet-friendly shelter planning and operations;
- Plan for a pet-friendly shelter;
- Understand the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS Act);
- Establish partnerships for resource coordination;
- Deliver a unified message for resource coordination;
- Deliver a unified message to the public before, during, and after an emergency, and;
- Set up, operate, and demobilize a pet-friendly shelter.

Tina Kimmett

Clemson University

"This training has solidified my understanding of pet-friendly sheltering and I am more confident in my ability to help others after learning how the concepts can be and have been practically applied. I highly recommend this training."

The four-hour course is designed for emergency managers, county employees, veterinary and animal services, and shelter volunteers. There is no charge for this 100% online course. For more information, please visit www.FLSART.org.

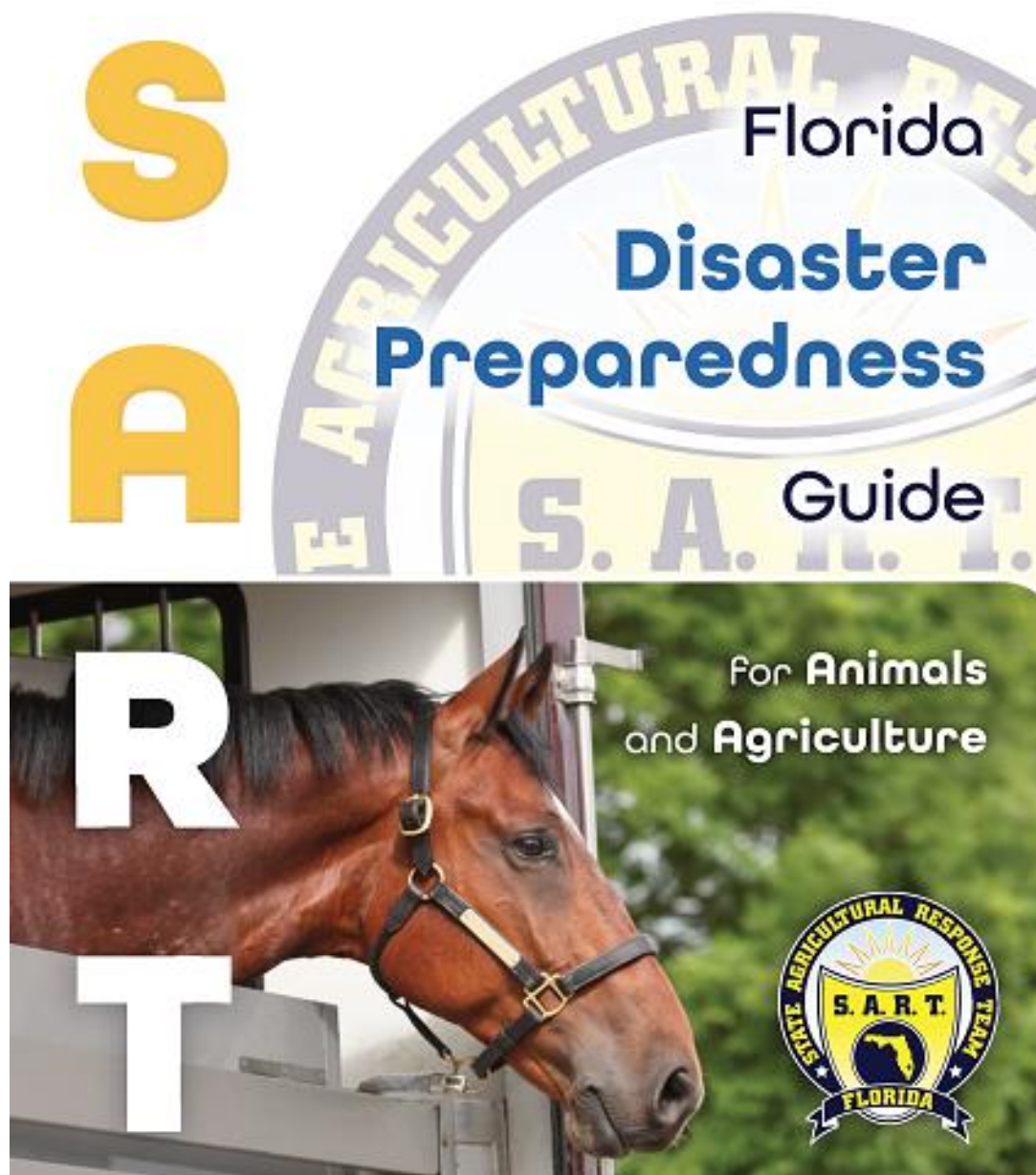


The Florida Disaster Preparedness Guide for Animals and Agriculture

The [Florida Disaster Preparedness Guide for Animals and Agriculture](https://flsart.org/resource/DisasterPreparednessGuides/DisasterPreparednessGuides.jsp) was developed by FDACS and Florida SART. This guide explores the various animal and agricultural sectors in the state of Florida that are at risk from natural and man-made disasters, and what you can do to help prepare and protect animals and agriculture before a disaster strikes. The recommendations and resources in this guide are applicable to preparing for all hazards such as hurricanes, floods, wildfires, disease introduction, hazardous material spills, and more.

This publication is available only to SART members. To access the Florida Disaster Preparedness Guide for Animals and Agriculture, visit the SART website at flsart.org, and navigate to the "Resources" tab. It may also be accessed directly at:

<https://flsart.org/resource/DisasterPreparednessGuides/DisasterPreparednessGuides.jsp>



Bridging Communication Networks: Aligning With County Emergency Management

From the FVMA Preparedness Blog



Image: Veterinary team member preparing medication at a mobile emergency veterinary site set up during Hurricane Ian.

You spend time preparing your practice and patients for disasters. But where does your clinic fit into the larger emergency response network? For veterinary practices, an often overlooked but critical aspect of preparedness is building relationships with local and state emergency management partners.

In this month's Disaster Preparedness blog, we walk you through how to:

- Identify and build relationships with local officials.
- Define your clinic's role and delegate responsibilities.
- Expand your emergency response knowledge through FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) training.

Read the full blog at:

<https://fvma.org/bridging-communication-networks-aligning-with-county-emergency-management>

Remember, Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), animal services, and public health officials work together to protect their communities. Establishing connections with these partners before an emergency can give your practice faster access to critical information, resources, and support when you need them most.



2026 Florida CERT Annual Conference

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Community Emergency Response Team

The 2026 Florida Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Annual Conference was held August 5-7, 2026, in Orlando. This year's theme, "Prepared in Paradise," was selected to highlight how Florida CERT volunteers help preserve and protect the beautiful state of Florida.



LeiAnna Moorhead, Emergency Coordinating Officer for FDACS, presented at the conference about how the Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART) became a national leader in animal and agricultural emergency management. LeiAnna highlighted SART's role in building statewide response capabilities, partnering with local agencies, and opportunities for CERT members and volunteers to support agricultural and animal disaster response in their community.

Read more: <https://www.flacertassociation.org/fca-conference/>

Become a Volunteer of the Florida Veterinary Corps Today!



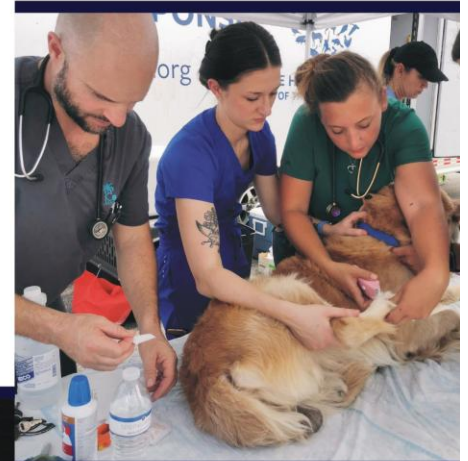
Florida veterinarians and veterinary technicians have volunteered to assist local and state emergency management officials in responding to animal emergencies. The Florida Veterinary Corps is recruiting more volunteers to help protect our state.

Become A Volunteer

To apply to the Florida Veterinary Corps, visit www.FLSART.org



Safeguarding Animal and Public Health in Florida



A cooperative effort of the Florida State Agricultural Response Team and its Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Veterinary Medical Association, and University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine.

Florida Veterinary Corps



What is the Florida Veterinary Corps?

- The Florida Veterinary Corps (The Corps) is a component of the Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART), established within the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and a cooperative effort with the Florida Veterinary Medical Association and the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine.
- The Corps has been established to enlist veterinarians and veterinary technicians who are willing to volunteer their services in responding to animal emergencies in the state of Florida.
- During activation, Corps volunteers will work within an Incident Command System structure under state Emergency Support Function 17 as part of the State Emergency Response Team.
- Corps volunteers will be kept informed as to the status of emergencies and the need for volunteers depending upon the specific emergency.
- Volunteers may serve in veterinary infrastructure assessment teams, triage or emergency animal treatment teams, and animal disease surveillance or control teams under an Incident Command System structure.

Obligation of Corps Volunteers

- Corps volunteers will serve only when activated within an Incident Command System structure under state Emergency Support Function 17 as part of the State Emergency Response Team and adhere to all state regulations and rules.
- Complete the following four Incident Command System trainings to apply for The Corps. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides the independent study courses online, free of charge. The training is required for credentialing of emergency responders by the Department of Homeland Security. The courses are critical to train a professional volunteer Corps capable of responding as part of the state Emergency Support Function 17 and State Emergency Response Team.
 - IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)
 - IS-200.C: Basic ICS for Initial Response
 - IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
 - IS-800.D: National Response Framework, An Introduction
- Corps volunteers will only be activated in response to specific emergency situations and may decline service at any time.

Rationale

- Protecting animal agriculture and household pets in Florida begins locally and requires cooperation, participation, and partnership.
- Federal or other outside assistance to deal with an animal disease emergency may not be available for hours or days.
- Animal agriculture in Florida is highly vulnerable to severe disruption and financial loss through natural disasters and exotic or zoonotic diseases.
- Counties and state agencies must be prepared to respond to animal disasters through planning and identification of human and material resources.
- Natural disasters are unpredictable and cannot be prevented.
- Florida has a high risk for introduction of a foreign animal disease.

Become a Volunteer

To apply to the Florida Veterinary Corps, visit www.FLSART.org

Be Sure to Check Out the FDACS and UF IFAS Partnership Video

Florida SART, FDACS, and University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) teamed up to create a training video on their disaster response partnership.



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Published in December 2022 on [YouTube](#), the video features interviews with LeiAnna Moorhead (FDACS Emergency Programs Manager), Dr. Saqib Mukhtar (UF/IFAS Associate Dean for Extension, Agriculture, and Natural Resources), and Dr. Angie Lindsey [Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)].

EDEN is funded by the USDA and is a collaborative multi-state effort by cooperative extension services across the country to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters.



Dr. Lindsey highlighted the important connection that agricultural extension agents have throughout the State of Florida. "We learn so much from our Extension agents and the work that they're already doing throughout the state and the work that they do within their own communities for disaster preparedness, recovery, and response," said Dr. Lindsey.

To view the video for yourself, and to like or comment, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SI1Xsjd-FCw>

EDIBLES TO PLANT IN *September*

North	Central	South
 EASY TO TRANSPLANT Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Strawberry	Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive, Kale, Lettuce, Peppers, Sugarcane, Tomatoes, Tropical Spinaches	Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Kale, Lettuce, Peppers, Sugarcane, Tomatillo, Tomatoes, Tropical Spinaches
 TRANSPLANT CAREFULLY Celery, Mustard, Spinach	Mustard, Pineapple, Spinach	Amaranth, Calabaza, Long Squash, Luffa, Mustard, Papaya, Pineapple, Seminole Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes
 USE SEEDS Beans (bush, pole), Carrots, Onions (bulbing, bunching), Radish, Squashes, Turnips	Beans (bush, lima, pole), Carrots, Cucumbers, Onions (bunching), Radish, Squashes, Turnips	Beans (bush, lima, pole), Carrots, Cucumbers, Okra, Onions (bunching), Peas (southern), Squashes, Turnips



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Gardening SOLUTIONS

For more information, please visit
GardeningSolutions.ifas.ufl.edu

UF/IFAS Florida Gardening Calendars

The [Gardening Calendar publications](#) on the UF/IFAS Solutions for Your Life website gives Florida gardeners a monthly guide for what to plant and do in their gardens and includes links to useful gardening websites, all based on University of Florida research and expertise. Three different editions of the calendar provide specific tips for each of Florida's climate zones—[North](#), [Central](#), and [South](#).

[What to Plant in September - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences \(ufl.edu\)](#)

Counties, Is Your Contact Information up to date on the SART Website?

Please review your county emergency contact information at:
<https://flsart.org/resource/countyinformation.jsp>.

If you need to make changes to your county contact information, please send a request to LeiAnna Moorhead at LeiAnna.Moorhead@FDACS.gov. During an emergency, ESF 17 and SART provides necessary food and water to affected areas to help protect animals, agriculture, and pets.



Food Safety and Food Defense Report

A special section dedicated to feed and food emergency planning and response.

FDACS Division of Food Safety is responsible for assuring the public of a safe, wholesome, and properly represented food supply through permitting and inspection of food establishments, inspection of food products, and performance of specialized laboratory analysis on a variety of food products sold or produced in the state. The Division of Food Safety monitors food from the farm gate, through processing and distribution, to the retail point of purchase.

Fall Food Safety



Tailgate parties, Halloween parties, pumpkin patch visits, cane grindings, craft festivals — the crisp, cool days of fall are full of fun activities that often involve delicious things to eat. But just because the weather is cooler doesn't mean you can forget about food safety. Follow our simple tips and enjoy this festive season without a hitch.



SART Resources and Links



Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza – USDA APHIS Flock Defender

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/outbreak-illness/outbreak-illness>

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Dairy Cattle

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/115892/file/2024-HPAI-Dairy-Cattle-Announcement.pdf>

Large Animal Incident Response Plan Template

<https://flsart.org/resource/TLAER>

Pet Sheltering Resources

<https://flsart.org/resource/petshelter>

Ask IFAS: Disaster Preparedness and Recovery

https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/entity/topic/disaster_preparedness_and_recovery

SART Response Equipment List and Request Information

<https://flsart.org/resource/equipmentrequest.jsp>

FDEM Vector Control Quick Guide

<https://flsart.org/pdf/Vector%20Control%20Quick%20Guide.pdf>

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About the SART Sentinel

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