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East Foundation Launches New World Screwworm Resource Website Alongside State Coalition

San Antonio, TX – July 29, 2025 – The Screwworm Coalition of Texas, a coalition of 13 Texas landowner, livestock, equine, and wildlife groups, today launched a new website to deliver reliable information about the New World screwworm.

The site compiles information from lead agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS), Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

The new online resource offers the public and media easy access to factual information. It also serves as a platform to dispel rumors and correct misinformation regarding the status, planning, preparedness, prevention, and response to New World screwworm in Texas.

The site showcases the efforts underway to combat New World screwworm, including the establishment of the Texas New World Screwworm Response Team by Gov. Greg Abbott, directing TAHC and TPWD to lead the state’s prevention and response efforts. As outlined in the governor’s directive, both agencies are charged with ensuring Texas remains informed, prepared, and aligned to prevent the re-emergence of this destructive parasite in the U.S.

Site visitors can learn about sterile Insect technique, the only proven method of eradication of the parasite. Details about current sterile fly production in Panama and progress toward developing new sterile fly production facilities.

Information is also available about broader efforts to strengthen national readiness, including U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins’ five-pronged approach to domestic preparedness. That plan also highlights the importance of expanding sterile fly production and distribution.

The site features a detailed list of educational events related to New World screwworm, with additional guidance on practical steps to minimize risk coming soon.

Texans can visit screwwormtx.org for the latest updates, resources, and educational materials on the New World screwworm.

About the Screwworm Coalition of Texas

The Screwworm Coalition of Texas is a joint initiative organized in May 2025 comprised of livestock, wildlife, equine and landowner groups inclusive of: East Foundation, Independent Cattlemen’s Association of Texas, Livestock Marketing Association of Texas, South Texans’ Property Rights Association, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Association of Dairymen, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Pork Producers Association, Texas Poultry Federation, Texas Quarter Horse Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and Texas

Wildlife Association. The coalition ensures consistent and accurate information is shared with Texas landowners and the agricultural and wildlife industries, including tools and resources that equip Texans with educational information needed amid the threat of the NWS.

About East Foundation

East Foundation promotes the advancement of land stewardship through ranching, science, and education. We manage over 217,000 acres of native South Texas rangeland, operating as six separate ranches in Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Starr, and Willacy counties. The lands were bestowed to the Foundation upon Robert East's passing in 2007. East Foundation maintains these ranches for the purpose of research that enables effective decision-making by stewards of working lands and ranch management that maximizes the long-term value of a South Texas ranch. These are working lands where scientists and managers collaborate to address issues important to wildlife management, rangeland health, and ranch productivity.

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