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UPDATE - New World Screwworm – Florida Animal Movement Requirements

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Animal Screwworm special import requirements for Florida are no longer in effect. Due to the successful eradication of New World Screwworm from the Florida Keys, and ongoing surveillance by Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), effective immediately, the special animal health import requirements placed on all animals coming from that area of Florida is lifted. All animals must meet the regular Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) Animal Movement Health Requirements.

In an effort to protect the health of the Georgia Animal Industry and to safely maintain animal movement, on October 12, 2016, the Georgia Department of Agriculture instituted special health requirements for animals moving from the Florida Keys into Georgia. To date, New World Screwworm has not been reported in Georgia.

New World Screwworm was detected in the Florida Keys on September 30, 2016. Since that time FDACS and USDA has activated an Incident Management Team; established an Incident Command Post; instituted quarantine control; established an Interdiction Station at the northern end of the Keys; conducted surveillance using fly traps and calls from the public; and released millions of sterile flies. Screwworm has not been detected in any part of Florida since January 10, 2017.

On March 18, 2017, FDACS released the quarantine and Animal Health Check Zone extending from Key Largo to Key West. The USDA announced the successful eradication of New World Screwworm from the Florida Keys on March 23, 2017. Passive surveillance continues in the area to ensure that any new cases are quickly identified.

More information can be found at:

<http://agr.georgia.gov/animal-health.aspx>

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry/Consumer-Resources/Reportable-Animal-Diseases/New-World-Screwworm>

[USDA Announces Eradication of New World Screwworm in Florida](#)

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