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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Since our last update, the Plant Protection Division (PPD) has maintained a strong focus on detecting and managing the presence of YLH. Between June 12 and June 25, 2025, PPD captured 40 hornets. An increase from the previous reporting period indicates that YLH activity continues to rise as the season progresses. No new nests were located or eradicated during this time; however, continued monitoring remains critical.



Picture 1: A member of our PPD Team inspecting beehives for signs of YLH activity.

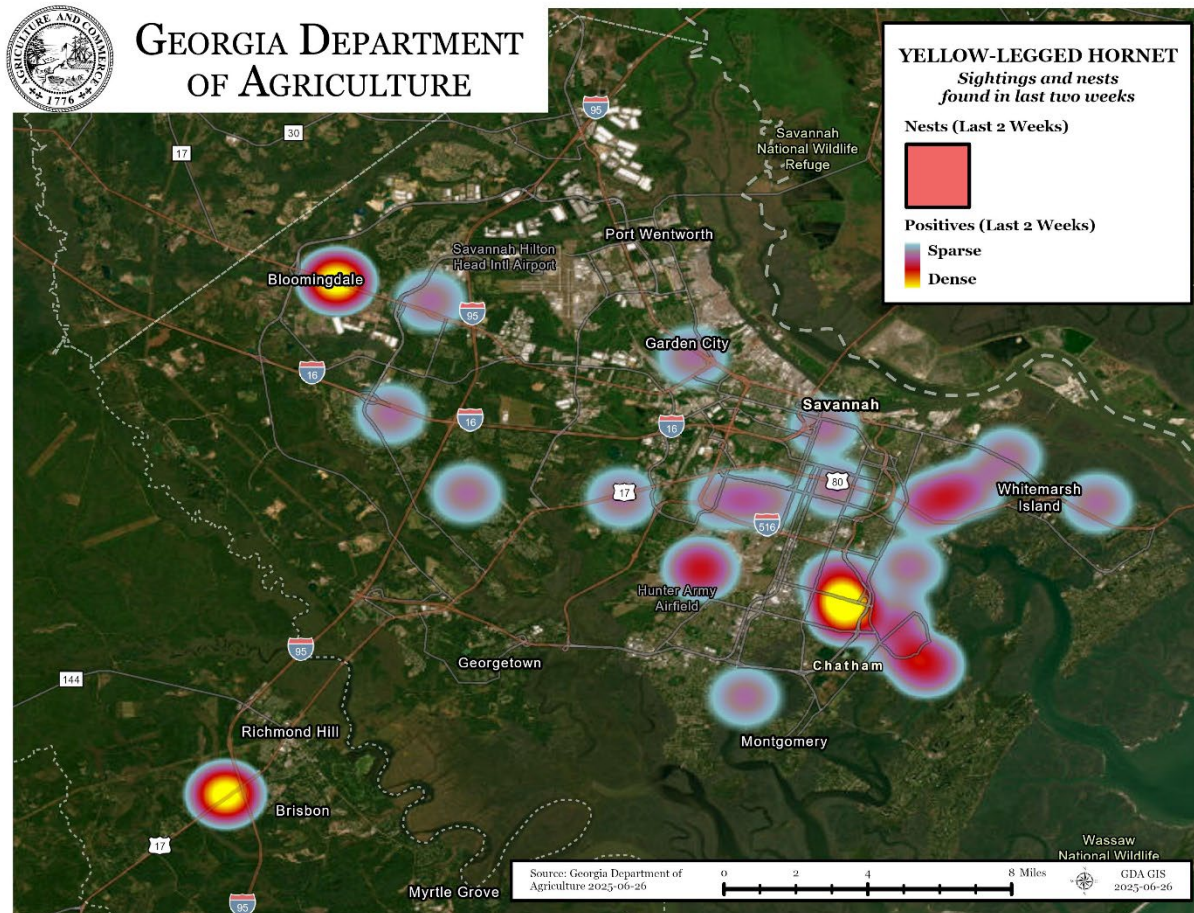


Picture 2: Our PPD Team inspecting a YLH trap. (The bait used in our traps contains two parts grape juice and one part brown sugar)



Picture 3: A Yellow-legged Hornet successfully trapped and eradicated

The updated YLH activity map provides a visual overview of detection trends, using a heatmap to indicate areas with positive trap captures and red squares to mark confirmed nest locations.



We urge residents, particularly those in the Savannah area, which includes Chatham County, southern Effingham County, and bordering portions of Bryan County, to stay alert and report any suspected hornet sightings or nest activity to yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov.

UPDATE BY THE NUMBERS

New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 786

Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – May 28, 2025): 2,032

Hornets found (June 12, 2025 – June 25, 2025): 40

Nests found & eradicated (May 15, 2025 – May 28, 2025): No new nests were found or eradicated

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – May 28, 2025): 58

- 2025: 4 embryo nest, 2 primary nest, 0 secondary nest

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- 2024: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 40 secondary nests
 - Total: 47
- 2023: 5 secondary nests

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Yellow-legged Hornet sighting reports can be reported to yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov or submitted only at <https://bit.ly/3Tt2M1u>.



Check out our step-by-step [video](#) guide to help Georgians create effective yellow-legged hornet traps using common household materials.



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We appreciate your assistance in helping us eradicate this serious threat to Georgia's agriculture, our state's number one industry. For more information, visit GDA's Dedicated Yellow-legged Hornet webpage: <https://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet>.