



USAHA Publishes New World Screwworm White Paper

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St. Joseph, MO — Concern is growing across the United States livestock industry as the threat of New World Screwworm (NWS) continues to draw national attention. To support preparedness and prevention efforts, the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) has released a new white paper, *"New World Screwworm Preparedness, Prevention, and Response,"* outlining current knowledge, actionable strategies, and gaps that must be addressed should the parasite cross the southern border.

"There is a significant amount of collaboration underway regarding New World Screwworm, with state and federal animal health officials working alongside industry stakeholders and product manufacturers," said Peter Mundschenk, DVM, immediate past president of USAHA and chair of the white paper development. "This document provides a strong assessment of what we know, what we can do now, and what areas still need attention."

The white paper draws from a USAHA co-hosted symposium held last fall, which brought together national leadership to assess emerging NWS risks and evaluate the United States' readiness for prevention and response. Participants included leading scientists, state and federal veterinarians, manufacturers, and representatives from major livestock species organizations.

"A key takeaway from the symposium was that early observation and effective management are critical to addressing NWS," Mundschenk added. "Understanding what tools are currently available—and identifying what is still needed—are important next steps."

The white paper is available at www.screwworm.site and www.usaha.org/screwworm.

The United States Animal Health Association serves as the nation's leading forum for animal health issues, promoting collaboration among industry, academia, and government. USAHA provides a national venue for stakeholders to identify effective methods to protect and advance animal health, animal welfare, and public health.

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