

The New World Screwworm (NWS) has been spreading in Central America. While not currently detected in the U.S., NWS is a devastating pest and is being monitored.

What to know:

- NWS DOES NOT impact food safety.
- If UNTREATED, the NWS can impact livestock, pets, wildlife, and in rare cases, people.
- Be PROACTIVE to protect yourself and your animals.

How to keep you and your animals safe:

- NWS attacks open wounds.
- Be alert and **TREAT** wounds immediately.
- **MONITOR** wounds for infection.
- **CONTACT** your doctor or veterinarian if you suspect an infestation.



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the New World Screwworm, visit
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