



MEXICO
Through June 29, 2026
Total Animal Cases: 30,974
Active Animal Cases: 1,835

Legend:

- 1 - 499 Cases
- 500 - 999 Cases
- ≥1000 Cases
- United States
- Central America

State Case Data:

State	Total cases	Active cases
COAHUILA	97	29
DURANGO	14	12
NUEVO LEÓN	424	80
TAMAULIPAS	1,002	135
ZACATECAS	118	38
SAN LUIS POTOSÍ	1,222	147
AGUASCALIENTES	30	11
NAVARIT	154	65
JALISCO	783	99
GUANAJUATO	389	65
COLIMA	208	22
MICHOACÁN	569	6
MÉXICO	308	13
QUERÉTARO	554	86
HIDALGO	913	135
TLAXCALA	17	5
CUIDAD DE MX	20	7
PUEBLA	1,587	196
VERACRUZ	4,225	149
TABASCO	1,296	18
CAMPECHE	971	18
QUINTANA ROO	903	36
OAXACA	4,539	152
CHIAPAS	7,029	105
YUCATÁN	2,389	95

Florida Implements Emergency Restrictions on Animal Imports Following NWS Detection

On July 1, 2026, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson issued Emergency Rule 5CER26-7, establishing heightened protocols for animal imports from designated high-risk areas and USDA-infested zones.

New World Screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) is a parasitic fly whose larvae infest living tissue of warm-blooded animals, including livestock and humans. The organisms typically enter through open wounds and feed on living flesh; untreated infestations can prove fatal to affected animals.

As of July 1, 2026, the rule designates specific counties as infested zones—defined as any county where USDA or the State Animal Health Official has confirmed an NWS breeding population, along with adjoining counties.

Special Features of this Issue:

- “New World screwworm is a re-emerging pest. Any new disease outbreaks affecting our national food supply will produce serious impacts on food and agricultural systems and food safety.”***

A portrait of Dr. Y. Zhang, a man with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera against a plain grey background.

New World Screwworm (continued)



Image source: National Association of Federal Veterinarians

The infested zone includes 48 Texas counties spanning the southern border region, including Bexar, Webb, Travis-surrounding, and El Paso-area jurisdictions. Additionally, four New Mexico counties adjacent to infected Texas regions were designated: Chaves, Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt.

Import Requirements for Infested Zones

Animals originating from infested zones may only enter Florida under strict conditions:

- A FDACS Certificate of Animal Movement with prior permission number must be obtained at least two days before arrival
- An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) valid for five days from inspection date is mandatory
- All listed animals must be documented as inspected and free of contagious/infectious diseases and pests, including NWS
- Documentation must confirm all animals received effective NWS treatment

Critically, the prohibition extends to shelter animals—defined as any warm-blooded animals under custody of public/private shelters, humane organizations, or animal control agencies originating from an infested state. No such animals may be imported into Florida.

High-Risk Area Protocols

Areas classified as "High-Risk"—any U.S. county within 125 miles of an infested Mexican state—face additional scrutiny. As of June 11, 2026, this designation encompasses all remaining Texas and New Mexico counties outside the official infested zones.

Warm-blooded animals from these areas require OCVI documentation meeting similar standards, with veterinary certification explicitly stating: "All animals listed on the OCVI have been inspected and are free from screwworm larvae infestation." The certificate remains valid for no more than five days from inspection.

Implementation Timeline

The emergency rule takes effect immediately upon filing. Duration of enforcement will depend on ongoing monitoring of outbreak progression. Given the severity of potential economic impacts to Florida's agricultural sector—one of the nation's largest cattle production regions—state officials have indicated a cautious approach prioritizing prevention over rapid reopening.

Stakeholders requiring clarification should consult directly with FDACS regarding shipment approval procedures and compliance verification.

Source: Florida Emergency Rule 5CER26-7, FDACS, filed July 1, 2026

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NEW WORLD SCREWORM(NWS) ENHANCED PROTOCOLS

June 2026

ANIMAL MOVEMENT WITHIN FLORIDA

No enhanced NWS protocols, visit [FDACS.gov/AnimalMovement](https://fdacs.gov/AnimalMovement) for existing animal movement requirements.



ANIMAL IMPORTS FROM NON HIGH-RISK NWS AREAS

No enhanced NWS protocols, visit [FDACS.gov/AnimalMovement](https://fdacs.gov/AnimalMovement) for existing animal movement requirements.



ANIMAL IMPORTS FROM HIGH-RISK NWS AREAS

- Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI), valid for 5 days from date of inspection, documenting that all animals have been inspected and found free of disease and pests, including NWS.
- Without a valid OCVI, imports will be quarantined and fines will be levied.



ANIMAL IMPORTS FROM NWS INFESTED ZONES

- No imports of warm-blooded animals until June 12, 2026.
- After June 12, all warm-blooded animals must receive a Florida Certificate of Animal Movement and prior permission number, applied for 2 days in advance of arrival.
- Certificate will require an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI), valid for 5 days from date of inspection, documentation of inspection, documentation of effective treatment for NWS.
- Without a Florida Certificate of Animal Movement and required documentation, imports will be turned away at the border, beginning June 12, 2026.

For the latest information on the New World Screwworm, zone designations, and animal movement protocols, visit [FDACS.gov/NWS](https://fdacs.gov/NWS) or scan the QR code above.



New World Screwworm

Story provided by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

New World screwworms are fly larvae (maggots) that can infest livestock and other warm-blooded animals, including people. They most often enter an animal through an open wound. They feed on the animal's living flesh and, if not treated, infestations can be fatal. While New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) has not been widely present in the United States since the 1960s, it is still found in most of South America and in five Caribbean countries. Cases began spreading in 2023, heading north from Panama, and have reached southern Mexico, increasing the risk of reintroduction into the United States.



Image source: NewsWest9

Signs

Screwworms are typically found on warm-blooded animals that have a draining or enlarging wound.

Screwworm eggs are creamy and white and deposited in a shingle-like manner on or near the edges of superficial wounds. The larvae are cylindrical with one pointed end and one blunt end and have rings of dark brown spines around the body. Female screwworm flies are larger than a housefly with a dark blue to blue-green body and reddish-orange head.

Almost any type of wound can become infested with screwworm larvae, including those caused by feeding ticks, castration, dehorning, branding, shearing, barbed wire fences, and even shedding of antler velvet in deer. The navels of newborn mammals can also become infested.

Guidance for Animal Health

Carefully inspect animal wounds and hides for signs of screwworm. Owners should immediately consult their veterinarian if a case of screwworm is suspected.

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New World Screwworm (continued)

Treatment

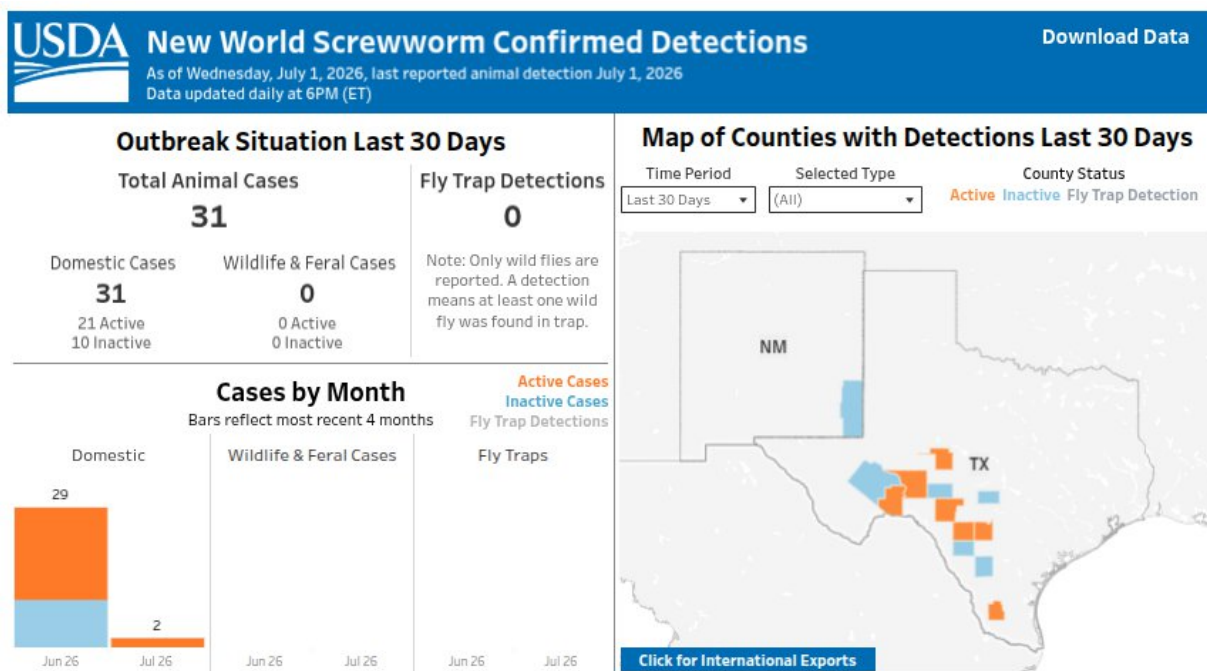
Screwworm infestation is treated by cleaning the site and topical application of a pesticide or other medication effective at killing the screwworm larvae. Treated wounds should be inspected daily until completely healed. The examining veterinarian will remove larvae from the wound with tweezers, place them in alcohol, and report to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Animal Industry (State Veterinarian's Office).

Report Suspected Cases

- **By phone during office hours:** (850) 410-0900
- **By phone after hours:** 1-800-342-5869
- **Via email:** RAD@FDACS.gov
- **Report online at:** www.FDACS.gov/RAD

Wildlife Reports

To report sick or injured wildlife, including a suspected screwworm infestation, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or email the Wildlife Health Team at WildlifeHealthTeam@MyFWC.com.



Source: USDA/APHIS, July 1, 2026.

New World Screwworm Resources

- [Commissioner Wilton Simpson Issues Emergency Rule to Further Protect Florida from Threat of New World Screwworm](#)
- [USDA APHIS – Information on the Screwworm Eradication Program](#)
- [FDACS – New World Screwworm Information Page](#)
- [FDA – New World Screwworm Information for Veterinarians](#)

PIE Center and Florida EDEN to Host Hurricane Readiness Webinar

On Aug. 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM EDT, join us for an engaging [webinar](#), titled "Tropical Season Readiness," featuring Angela "Angie" Enyedi, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the [National Weather Service](#) (NWS) in Jacksonville, Florida. This event is hosted in collaboration with the [UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) (PIE Center) and the [Florida Extension Disaster Education Network](#) (FL EDEN).

What You'll Learn

Hurricane forecasting and preparedness can feel complex, but this webinar is designed to make assist viewers in accessing and interpreting critical information. Enyedi will guide participants through key topics, including:

- Seasonal hurricane forecasts
- Current tropical weather conditions
- Lessons learned from past storms
- Trusted forecasting tools and resources
- Making informed safety decisions

Why This Matters

Floridians are no strangers to hurricanes, but each season brings new challenges. Reliable information and clear communication are key to reducing risk and building resilience.

About the Speaker

Angela "Angie" Enyedi serves as the warning coordination meteorologist and emergency response meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, Florida. Her career began as a student intern in 2000 while earning a bachelor's degree in meteorology (magna cum laude) from Florida State University. She returned to Jacksonville as a forecaster in 2002 and has since advanced to lead forecaster, certified Type 1 incident meteorologist and, in 2025, warning coordination meteorologist.

Enyedi has supported response efforts for hurricanes, wildfires and other major weather events, including Hurricanes Matthew (2016), Irma (2017), Dorian (2019) and Helene (2022). She is committed to delivering clear, actionable weather information that helps communities and decision-makers take proactive steps to stay safe.

Join Us

Whether you are a Florida resident, agricultural producer, Extension professional or community partner, this webinar is designed to support your preparedness efforts.

Date: August 5, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM EDT

Speaker: Angela "Angie" Enyedi, National Weather Service Jacksonville

Hosted by: FL EDEN and the UF/IFAS PIE Center

To receive a Zoom link, visit the [registration page](#).



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Photo: Angela "Angie" Enyedi, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, FL.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Small Animal Emergency Sheltering Training

Florida State Animal Response Coalition (FLSARC) provides Small Animal Emergency Sheltering training for Florida communities. These courses teach the unique procedures, skills, and knowledge necessary to build and operate a temporary emergency animal shelter in response to natural disasters and animal cruelty cases. These courses were created and designed by experts from many organizations including Florida SART, University of Florida Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service (VETS) Team, and leadership of FLSARC. This training is state-certified by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Awareness Level 1	Operations Level 2
- July 11, Palm Beach County - August 29, Citrus County - September 12-13, Online Virtual - October 3, Taylor County	August 8-9, Palm Beach County

To register, visit: <https://flsarc.org/training-classes-events>

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In the News...

- [From fields to space farming, new tool detects crop drought stress before it's visible \(UF/IFAS\)](#)
- [Following Additional New World Screwworm Detections in Texas and New Mexico, Commissioner Wilton Simpson Strengthens and Extends Emergency Rule Protecting Florida \(FDACS\)](#)
- [New UF project aims to keep food supplies safe in the event of a screwworm outbreak \(UF/PHHP\)](#)

SART Offers Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training – Register Now!

The Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training is the first of its kind to be offered in Florida. The Training guidance to private, local, and state entities on how to plan for and operate a pet-friendly shelter to ensure that individuals evacuating from a disaster with their household pets are accommodated.



This training includes useful information on how to:

- Use the Incident Command System in pet-friendly shelter planning and operations;
- Plan for a pet-friendly shelter;
- Understand the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS Act);
- Establish partnerships for resource coordination;
- Deliver a unified message for resource coordination;
- Deliver a unified message to the public before, during, and after an emergency, and;
- Set up, operate, and demobilize a pet-friendly shelter.

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Clemson University

"This training has solidified my understanding of pet-friendly sheltering and I am more confident in my ability to help others after learning how the concepts can be and have been practically applied. I highly recommend this training."

The four-hour course is designed for emergency managers, county employees, veterinary and animal services, and shelter volunteers. There is no charge for this 100% online course. For more information, please visit www.FLSART.org.

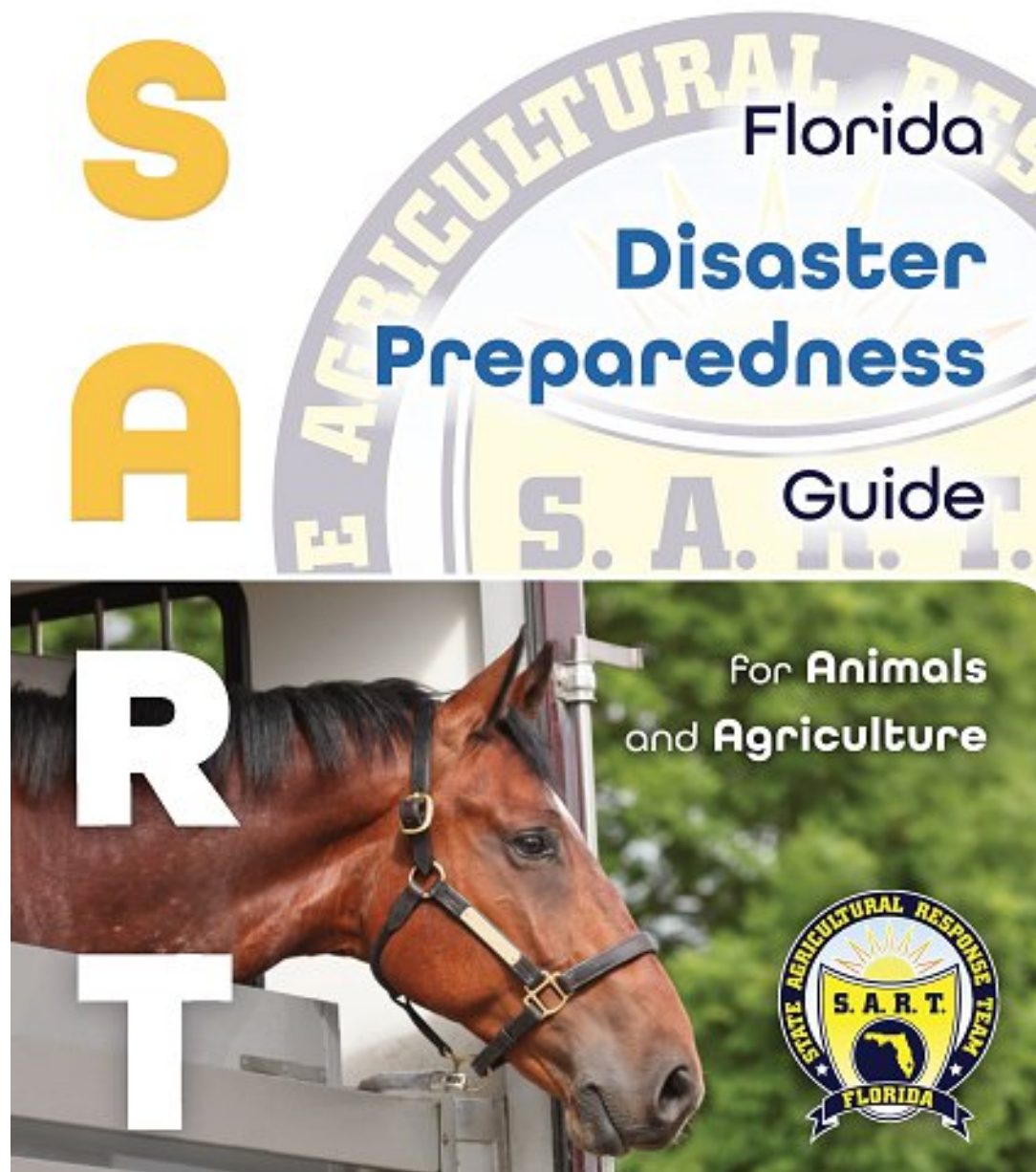


The Florida Disaster Preparedness Guide for Animals and Agriculture

The [Florida Disaster Preparedness Guide for Animals and Agriculture](#) was developed by FDACS and Florida SART. This guide explores the various animal and agricultural sectors in the state of Florida that are at risk from natural and man-made disasters, and what you can do to help prepare and protect animals and agriculture before a disaster strikes. The recommendations and resources in this guide are applicable to preparing for all hazards such as hurricanes, floods, wildfires, disease introduction, hazardous material spills, and more.

This publication is available only to SART members. To access the Florida Disaster Preparedness Guide for Animals and Agriculture, visit the SART website at flsart.org, and navigate to the “Resources” tab. It may also be accessed directly at:

<https://flsart.org/resource/DisasterPreparednessGuides/DisasterPreparednessGuides.jsp>



Become a Volunteer of the Florida Veterinary Corps Today!



Florida veterinarians and veterinary technicians have volunteered to assist local and state emergency management officials in responding to animal emergencies. The Florida Veterinary Corps is recruiting more volunteers to help protect our state.

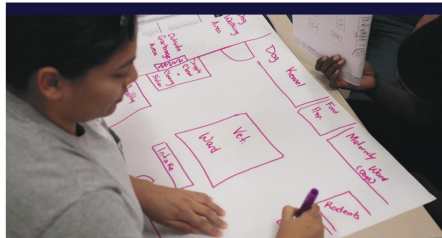
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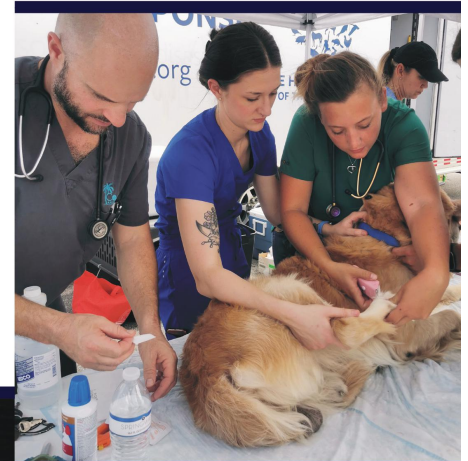
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*Safeguarding Animal and Public
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*A cooperative effort of the Florida State
Agricultural Response Team and its
Florida Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services, Florida Veterinary
Medical Association, and University of
Florida College of Veterinary Medicine.*

Florida Veterinary Corps



What is the Florida Veterinary Corps?

- The Florida Veterinary Corps (The Corps) is a component of the Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART), established within the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and a cooperative effort with the Florida Veterinary Medical Association and the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine.
- The Corps has been established to enlist veterinarians and veterinary technicians who are willing to volunteer their services in responding to animal emergencies in the state of Florida.
- During activation, Corps volunteers will work within an Incident Command System structure under state Emergency Support Function 17 as part of the State Emergency Response Team.
- Corps volunteers will be kept informed as to the status of emergencies and the need for volunteers depending upon the specific emergency.
- Volunteers may serve in veterinary infrastructure assessment teams, triage or emergency animal treatment teams, and animal disease surveillance or control teams under an Incident Command System structure.

Obligation of Corps Volunteers

- Corps volunteers will serve only when activated within an Incident Command System structure under state Emergency Support Function 17 as part of the State Emergency Response Team and adhere to all state regulations and rules.
- Complete the following four Incident Command System trainings to apply for The Corps. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides the independent study courses online, free of charge. The training is required for credentialing of emergency responders by the Department of Homeland Security. The courses are critical to train a professional volunteer Corps capable of responding as part of the state Emergency Support Function 17 and State Emergency Response Team.
 - IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)
 - IS-200.C: Basic ICS for Initial Response
 - IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
 - IS-800.D: National Response Framework, An Introduction
- Corps volunteers will only be activated in response to specific emergency situations and may decline service at any time.

Rationale

- Protecting animal agriculture and household pets in Florida begins locally and requires cooperation, participation, and partnership.
- Federal or other outside assistance to deal with an animal disease emergency may not be available for hours or days.
- Animal agriculture in Florida is highly vulnerable to severe disruption and financial loss through natural disasters and exotic or zoonotic diseases.
- Counties and state agencies must be prepared to respond to animal disasters through planning and identification of human and material resources.
- Natural disasters are unpredictable and cannot be prevented.
- Florida has a high risk for introduction of a foreign animal disease.

Become a Volunteer

To apply to the Florida Veterinary Corps, visit www.FLSART.org

Be Sure to Check Out the FDACS and UF IFAS Partnership Video

Florida SART, FDACS, and University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) teamed up to create a training video on their disaster response partnership.



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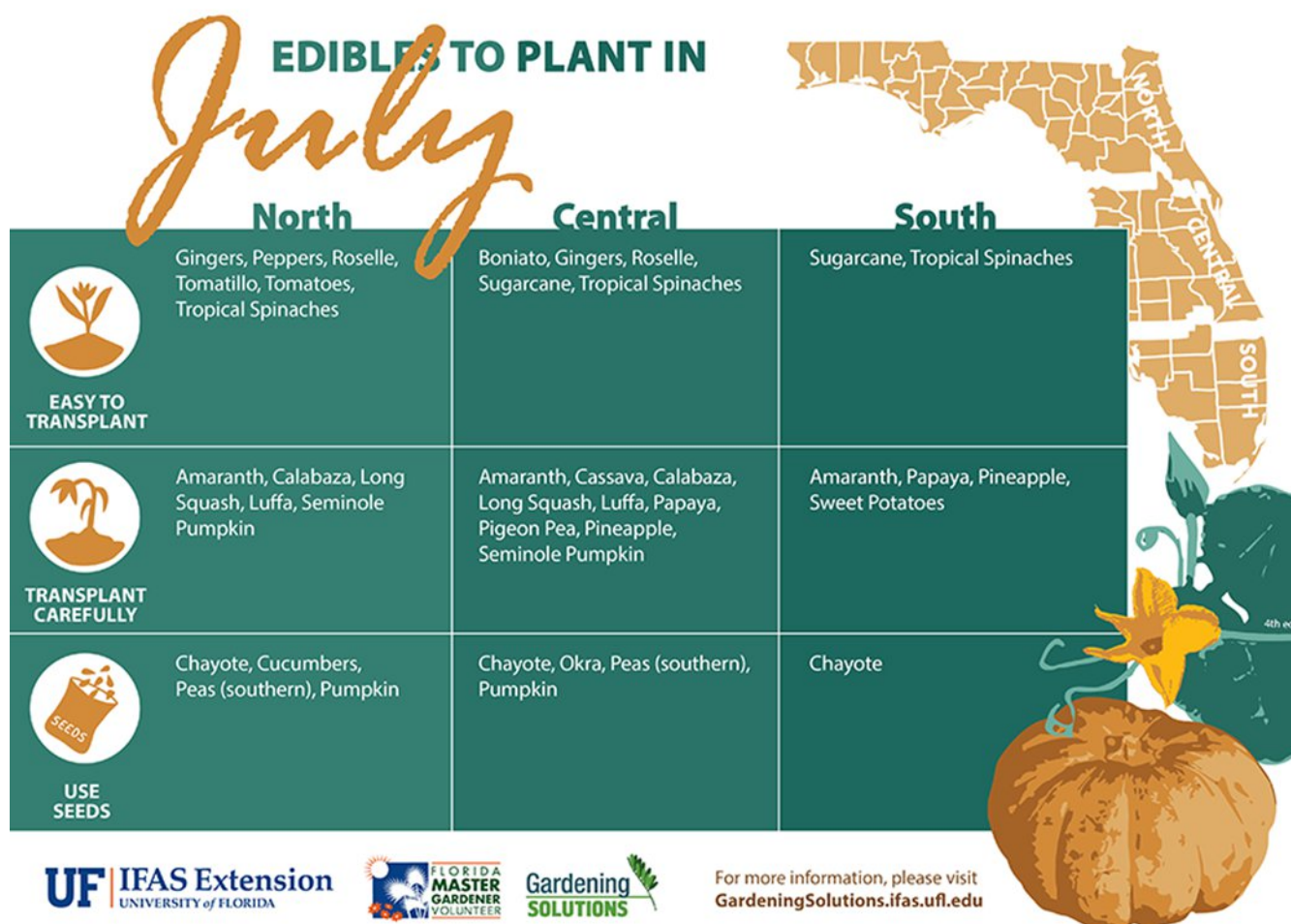
Published in December 2022 on [YouTube](#), the video features interviews with LeiAnna Moorhead (FDACS Emergency Programs Manager), Dr. Saqib Mukhtar (UF/IFAS Associate Dean for Extension, Agriculture, and Natural Resources), and Dr. Angie Lindsey [Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)].

EDEN is funded by the USDA and is a collaborative multi-state effort by cooperative extension services across the country to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters.



Dr. Lindsey highlighted the important connection that agricultural extension agents have throughout the State of Florida. "We learn so much from our Extension agents and the work that they're already doing throughout the state and the work that they do within their own communities for disaster preparedness, recovery, and response," said Dr. Lindsey.

To view the video for yourself, and to like or comment, please visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl1Xsjd-FCw>



UF/IFAS Florida Gardening Calendars

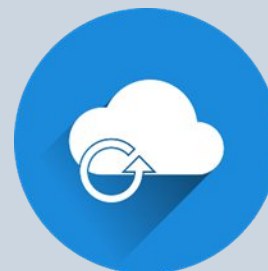
The [Gardening Calendar publications](#) on the UF/IFAS Solutions for Your Life website gives Florida gardeners a monthly guide for what to plant and do in their gardens and includes links to useful gardening websites, all based on University of Florida research and expertise. Three different editions of the calendar provide specific tips for each of Florida's climate zones—[North](#), [Central](#), and [South](#).

[What to Plant in July - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences \(ufl.edu\)](#)

Counties, Is Your Contact Information up to date on the SART Website?

Please review your county emergency contact information at:
<https://flsart.org/resource/countyinformation.jsp>.

If you need to make changes to your county contact information, please send a request to LeiAnna Moorhead at LeiAnna.Moorhead@FDACS.gov. During an emergency, ESF 17 and SART provides necessary food and water to affected areas to help protect animals, agriculture, and pets.



Food Safety and Food Defense Report

A special section dedicated to feed and food emergency planning and response.

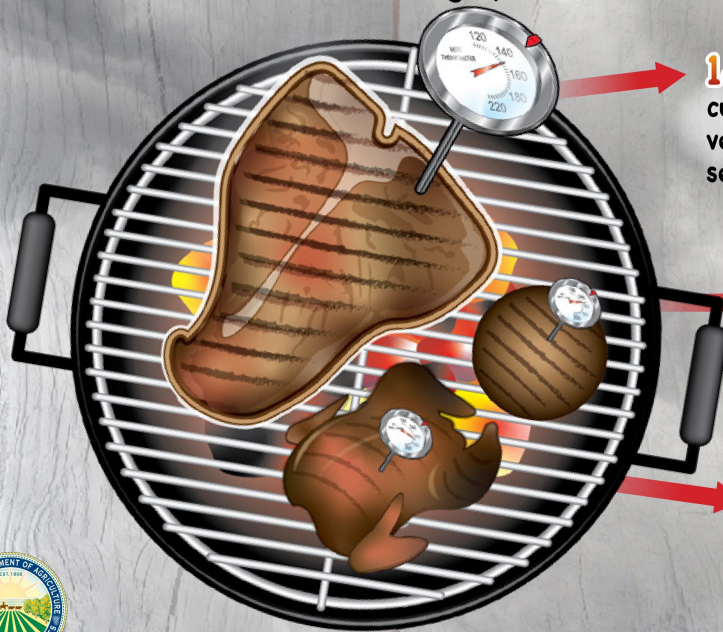
FDACS Division of Food Safety is responsible for assuring the public of a safe, wholesome, and properly represented food supply through permitting and inspection of food establishments, inspection of food products, and performance of specialized laboratory analysis on a variety of food products sold or produced in the state. The Division of Food Safety monitors food from the farm gate, through processing and distribution, to the retail point of purchase.

Summer Food Safety

This summer, enjoy the great Florida outdoors and stay safe with our helpful grilling tips.

Ready to grill up something delicious this summer?

Remember the most important grill master tool of all – a food thermometer! Ensure a safe and healthy BBQ for your friends and family by cooking foods thoroughly to their safe temperatures!



145°F – fish and whole cuts of beef, pork, lamb, and veal (with a stand time of 15 seconds at this temperature).

155°F – hamburgers and other ground meat or fish products.

165°F – poultry and wild game meats such as venison.



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SART Resources and Links



Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza – USDA APHIS Flock Defender

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/outbreak-illness/outbreak-illness>

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Dairy Cattle

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/115892/file/2024-HPAI-Dairy-Cattle-Announcement.pdf>

Large Animal Incident Response Plan Template

<https://flsart.org/resource/TLAER>

Pet Sheltering Resources

<https://flsart.org/resource/petshelter>

Ask IFAS: Disaster Preparedness and Recovery

https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/entity/topic/disaster_preparedness_and_recovery

SART Response Equipment List and Request Information

<https://flsart.org/resource/equipmentrequest.jsp>

FDEM Vector Control Quick Guide

<https://flsart.org/pdf/Vector%20Control%20Quick%20Guide.pdf>

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www.FLSART.org

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