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New World Screwworm Confirmed in Zavala County Calf



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AUSTIN – On June 3, 2026, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) received confirmation of a detection of New World screwworm (NWS) in Zavala County, Texas. A sample collected from a three-week-old calf with an umbilical lesion was identified and confirmed as NWS by the

National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa. There are currently no further confirmed detections in animals in Texas.

This is the first detection of NWS in Texas since northward progression from Central America was observed in 2023. The TAHC is working closely with USDA and other state officials in a joint

incident response. An infested zone has been established in the area, and animal movement restrictions are in effect to prevent further spread of the pest. The agency is working in coordination with the USDA to expand fly trapping and surveillance efforts to identify any additional flies in the area and investigate potential suspect cases

in animals. Epidemiological efforts are underway to learn more about this case and prevent spread of the pest.

According to the USDA, the U.S. food supply is safe. USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) ensures that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe and properly labeled.

NWS do not infest meat, fruits, vegetables, or other food sources.

NWS are larvae or maggots of the NWS fly (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*), that cause the painful condition NWS myiasis. NWS flies lay eggs in open wounds or orifices of live tissue.

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KIBA names June Yards of the Month

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Kilgore Improvement & Beauty Association finds the best-looking homes, businesses and landscaping throughout the city each month to celebrate all those who make the city a more beautiful place to live.

KIBA judges select a Beauty Spot of the Month, Commercial Beauty Spot and Yard of the Month.

Winners for the month of June are:

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Visit Kilgore stops in Waskom to promote city

From Staff Reports

Last Friday, Visit Kilgore attended Texas Travel Rally Day at the Waskom Information Center.

Mayor Ronnie Spradlin and Tourism & Marketing Manager Megan Payne had a great time welcoming visitors into the Lone Star State and sharing all about what makes Kilgore such a special place to visit.

From our rich history and vibrant downtown to our amazing events and attractions, we loved getting to spread the word about our great city!

Mayor Spradlin also had the opportunity to meet Waskom Mayor Keith Slone during the event.

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WELL DESERVED

Kilgore College names Most Representative Students



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TODAY'S WEATHER



Partly sunny, with a high near 89, low around 74. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

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Entertainment.. 5A Sports 8A



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