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State Senator César J. Blanco's Statement on New World Screwworm in Texas

El Paso, Texas – Yesterday, the USDA confirmed a case of New World Screwworm (NWS) in South Texas. Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

“Protecting our livestock industry is critical to our state's economy and food supply. I appreciate the work being done by federal, state, and local partners to monitor the situation, contain any potential spread, and provide timely information to ranchers, producers, and communities.

While this is currently an isolated case, it serves as an important reminder that we must remain vigilant and coordinated in our efforts to prevent the spread of New World Screwworm in Texas.

Our office is staying in close communication with local officials and stakeholders, particularly in areas with significant livestock activity, to ensure they have access to the latest guidance and resources.

*Early detection is one of the most effective tools we have to prevent further spread. If you observe signs of a possible screwworm infestation in livestock, wildlife, pets, or other animals, particularly in areas near the U.S.-Mexico border, please report it immediately. Reports can be made to USDA Wildlife Services at **866-4USDA-WS (866-487-3297)** or to the Texas Animal Health Commission at **512-719-0700**. After hours, weekends, or holidays, call **800-550-8242**. Additional information and resources can be found at screwworm.gov.”*

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