

Texas Feral Hogs: Resources Available

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Collaborative Effort among:

- ★ USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services
- ★ Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- ★ Texas Wildlife Damage Management Association





E. Coli

- 400 + Stream segments in TX Impacted by Bacteria
- Feral swine spend majority of time near water



Control Assistance Available

- Public vs. Private



Legal

- In Texas, feral hogs are considered free-ranging exotic animals and may be taken at any time of the year by any legal means. Hunting license is needed to hunt hogs; however, landowners or their agents may kill hogs without a license.
- Texas Animal Health Commission regulates the movement of feral hogs, holding facilities, and some aspects of hunting preserves. Hunting preserves must have a hunting lease permit from TPWD.



Contacting Local Trappers

Newspaper Classifieds

Texas Hunting Magazines

Word of Mouth

Local Chambers of Commerce

Local Posting Boards at Farm & Ranch or
Feed Stores.

Contact Local Swine Holding Facilities
(Buying Stations)



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FEATURED TRAPPERS

TEXAS HOG REMOVAL OUTFITTERS

The following service providers specialize in feral hog removal through the use of advanced trapping techniques. Trapping hogs is one of the most effective methods of hog eradication because it minimizes man hours and time. The following Texas hog trappers have years of experience dealing with landowners and catching destructive pigs. If you're interested in becoming a THHA Endorsed trapping outfitter, contact us today.

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Texas Hog Hunters Association

Trapping services are primarily utilized for large corporate properties, ranches and municipalities.

Contact Scott Dover at Scott@texashha.com

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Transportation of Hogs

Regulated by Texas Animal Health Commission

Transport of Male and Female Hogs Handled Differently

Females – Can be held up to 7 days in escape proof pen or trailer. Can be taken to slaughter or sold to buying station that will take to slaughter.

Males- Can be held up to 7 days in escape proof pen or trailer. They can be taken to slaughter, sold to buying station, or transported to TPWD authorized and TAHC approved hunting preserve. Must be tagged before release.

http://feralhogs.tamu.edu/files/2010/04/hog_holding.pdf

http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_FeralSwine.pdf

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Feral Hog Approved Holding Facility Guidelines in Texas

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Feral Swine Regulations

Why does the Texas Animal Health Commission care about feral swine?

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is concerned feral swine carry diseases that pose a threat to domestic swine, cattle, humans, and other species. Historical test data indicates that about 10 percent of feral swine are infected with Swine Brucellosis, a disease that affects cattle and occasionally humans. Approximately 20 percent of feral swine may be infected with Pseudorabies (PRV) unrelated to rabies, but causes illness in hogs and affect market ability of domestic swine.



In 2007, the 80th Texas Legislature provided that the TAHC regulate the movement of live feral swine as a measure to control the spread of disease. The TAHC subsequently passed rules that allow feral swine to be captured and sold for slaughter, while still protecting domestic swine and other livestock from the disease risks posed by these animals. TAHC rules also allow wild boars and barrows (castrated males) to be moved to TAHC pre-approved hunting preserves for hunting purposes. Female swine (sows and gilts) are not allowed to be moved to hunting preserves. Feral swine can not legally be sold through a livestock market.

Texas has approximately three million feral swine and the largest population of feral swine of any state in the U.S. This poses an ongoing threat to domestic swine across the state. Although there are provisions for "domesticating" feral swine for production by quarantine and testing after capture, this practice is not encouraged.

Does the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) regulate feral swine hunting?

Yes, the TPWD regulates the hunting of feral swine and the TAHC regulates the movement of live feral swine. Sport hunters must have a hunting lease license issued by TPWD to hunt wild hogs. The TPWD requires the registration of land where persons pay to hunt feral swine. Wild boars captured alive and moved under TAHC authority can only go to a hunting facility that is also permitted by TPWD. If a hunting ranch does NOT receive or release live wild hogs onto the property, the TAHC feral swine regulations do not apply to the hunting operation.

When do the TAHC regulations apply?

The TAHC's regulations apply when LIVE feral swine are to be moved from the premises where they were trapped or captured. While awaiting transport to slaughter or a holding facility, the feral swine may be held in escape proof pens on the premise of origin, or when an escape-proof cage on the vehicle or trailer that transported them from their original premise, or held within the transport trailer itself for as long as 7 days.

Approved Holding Facilities

Feral swine may be moved direct to slaughter or to an approved holding facility. TAHC approved holding facilities must have one good fence and are intended to temporarily hold feral swine until animals can be assembled for shipping to slaughter. Holding facilities must be constructed at least 200 yards from domestic swine pens, and be inspected by the TAHC.



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Texas Animal Health Commission

Texas Approved Feral Swine Holding Facilities

County	Region	Facility Name	Address	City	Zip	Telephone
Angelina	4	Hogs Gone Wild - Angelina County	652 Coach Redd Road	Lufkin	75901	
Archer	3	Brian Beasley	1678 Buerger Rd	Archer City	76351	940 631 4247
Atascosa	5	Mike Simmons Feral Swine	3030 County Road 303	Jourdanton	78026	830 570 0181
Baylor	3	Cody Dickson	Ogden Road/Tomanek Dr	Seymour	76380	940 631 5044
Baylor	3	David Scott	Hwy 277/FM 422	Seymour	76380	940 733 5335
Bee	5	Bee County Holding Facility	3782 County Road 313	Beeville	78104	512 554 1518
Bosque	6	Lampmans	109 County Road 1296	Morgan	76671	254 775 4274
Brazoria	2	Angela Danford	3028 County Road 244	Brazoria	77422	979 482 1851
Brazoria	2	Ray Moyle	4502 FM 1462	Rosharon	77583	281 451 6209
Burleson	7	Mike Stracener	5020 County Road 329	Caldwell	77836	979 567 3152
Callahan	6	Davey Crockett	4172 Hwy 36E	Baird	79504	325 669 0893
Callahan	6	Hamby Buying Station	3198 County Road 103 North	Abilene	79601	325 725 6813
Callahan	6	Reed Feral Swine	16201 County Road 421	Cross Plains	76443	325 660 9805
Cass	4	Dukes Buying Station	1945 FM 96	Atlanta	75551	903 826 0162
Cass	4	Hoggs Gone Wild - Cass County	3813 FM 96	Atlanta	75551	903 826 0162
Cass	4	Hogs Gone Wild, Cass Co South	Hwy 155 East	Avinger	75630	903 353 1104
Cherokee	4	Hogs Gone Wild - Cherokee County	691 County Road 3222	Jacksonville	75766	903 393 5977
Childress	1	Karl Tasko Wild Hog Buyer	16949 FM 268	Childress	79201	940 585 7475
Clay	3	Hog Wild	1270 Myers Road	Henrietta	76365	940 636 4085
Clay	3	Widgy Brown	#1 Feedlot Road	Petrolia	76377	940 733 1856
Coleman	6	Whon Buying Station	6400 FM 2633	Santa Anna	76878	325 642 4746
Collingsworth	1	Wolf Creek Wild Hogs	5150 FM 2467	Wellington	79095	806 282 6203
Comanche	6	Circle M Wild Hogs	1343 County Road 415	Comanche	76442	325 330 0904
Cooke	3	Kenny Long	3397 County Road 123	Gainesville	76240	940 665 6225
Coryell	6	PDQ Game Service	101 County Road 266	Gatesville	76528	254 248 4848
Cottle	1	Detwiler FSHF	3548 County Road 206	Paducah	79248	806 492 2754
Cottle	1	Kenneth Finch	1989 N County Road 290	Paducah	79248	806 492 3130
Dimmit	5	El Ranchito	90 16th Street	Ashton	78827	830 854 0476
Erath	6	Magin Feral Swine	14573 West FM 8	Stephenville	76401	254 968 8984
Falls	7	Bourgeois Pens	913 FM 1771	Marlin	76661	254 744 9241
Falls	7	Perry Buying Station	4830 St Hwy 6	Marlin	76661	254 896 2843
Fannin	4	Weddle-Ryser Wild Hog Buying Station	13508 E FM 1396	Windom	75492	903 378-7856
Fisher	1	Leon Helm	367 State Hwy 70 South	Roby	79543	325 776 2122
Fisher	1	Sheri Murdock	203 East Second St	Rotan	79546	325 735 3479
Foard	3	Dale Henry	406 N Ave F	Crowell	79227	940 655 8106



Processing Facilities Texas

Can be processed through local game processors, but only two USDA Food Inspected Facilities.

- Southern Wild Game – Devine, TX
- Frontier Meats – Fort Worth, TX



Public Assistance Available

- ❑ Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.
- ❑ Texas Department of Agriculture
- ❑ Texas Animal Health Commission
- ❑ Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- ❑ Texas Counties or Municipalities
- ❑ Texas Wildlife Services Program
- ❑ USDA



Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated

Health & Safety

Section 825.001 Cooperation Between State and Federal Agencies in Controlling Predatory Animals and Rodents

The State shall cooperate through The Texas A&M University System with the appropriate federal officers and agencies in controlling coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, **Russian boars**, and other predatory animals and in controlling prairie dogs, pocket gophers, jackrabbits, ground squirrels, rats, and other rodent pests to protect livestock, food and feed supplies, crops, and ranges.



COST SHARE FOR FERAL HOG TRAP

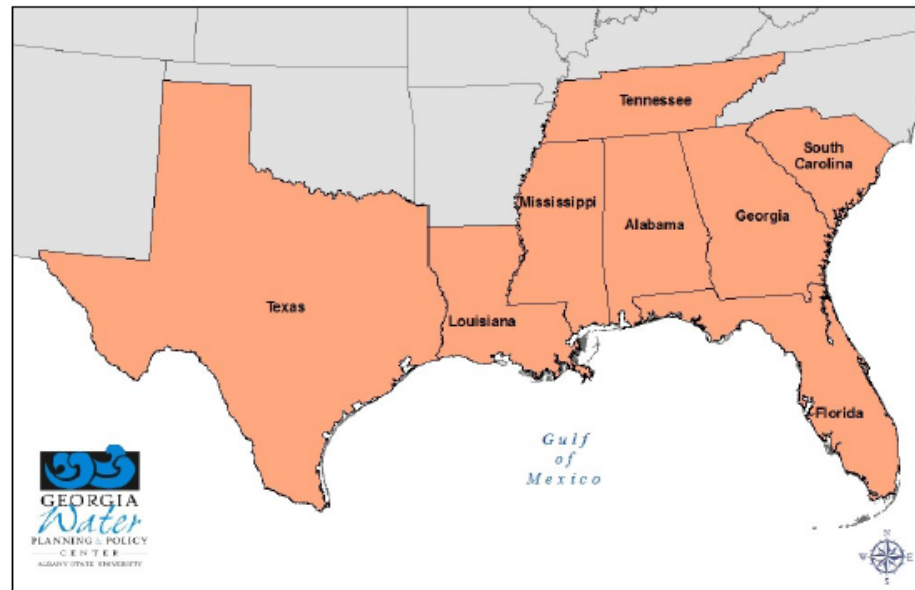
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Visit www.agvise.us for more info, if you:

1. Have problems with feral hogs on your land in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee & Texas
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3. Are 25 years of age or older.

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Feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*) are an old world species belonging to the family Suidae, and in Texas include European wild

Texas Feral Hogs: Control



Control – a Texas Perspective

- ❖ Texas is home to the largest feral hog population in the US and the population is increasing.
- ❖ Effectively reducing the population of feral hogs state-wide is a large task that will involve the focused efforts of both the private and public sector.
- ❖ Require public outreach, program communication, input and buy-in from all individuals, agencies, and organizations.
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