#### Texas Wildlife Services

Urban Feral Hog

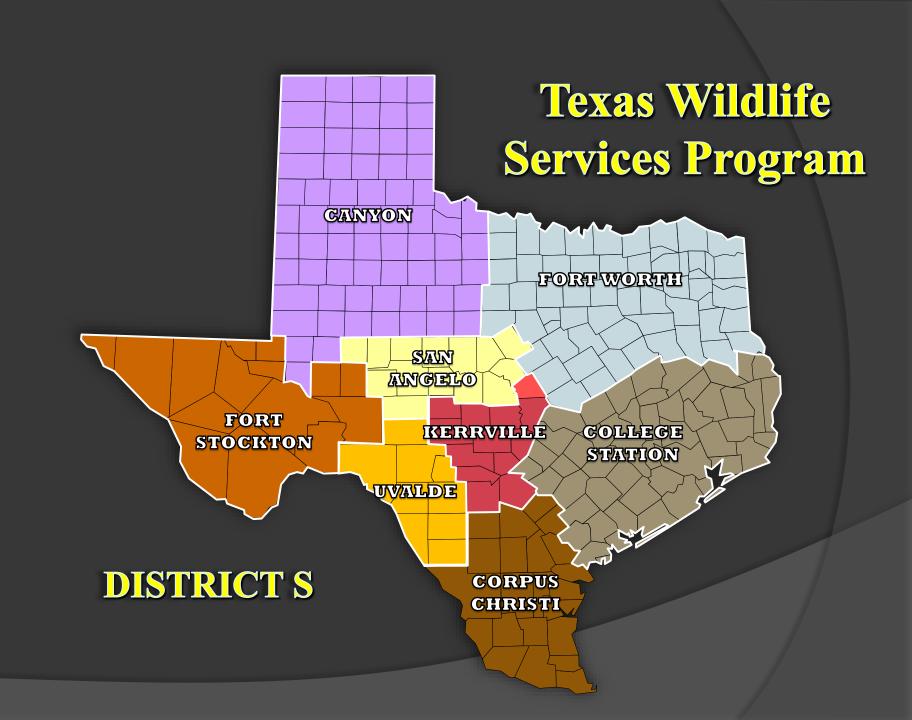
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# Texas Wildlife Services Program

**USDA-APHIS-WILDLIFE SERVICES** 

The TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

TEXAS WILDLIFE DAMAGE
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



#### WS Works to Protect

- **Human Health and Safety** from wildlife-related diseases such as rabies and plague and wildlife-related hazards such as bird-aircraft strikes.
- Facilities, Structures, and Other Property from damage caused by rats, mice, raccoons, skunks, opossums, squirrels, beaver, birds and other wildlife.
- ➤ <u>Crops, Timber, and Rangeland</u> from damage caused by gophers, prairie dogs, feral hogs, raccoons, rabbits, coyotes, grackles, beaver and other wildlife.
- **Livestock** from depredation caused by coyotes, bobcats, feral hogs, mountain lions, raccoons, birds and other wildlife.
- <u>Wildlife and Other Natural Resources</u> such as endangered species and game animals as well as soil, water and flora from damage and predation by wildlife.

# Damage







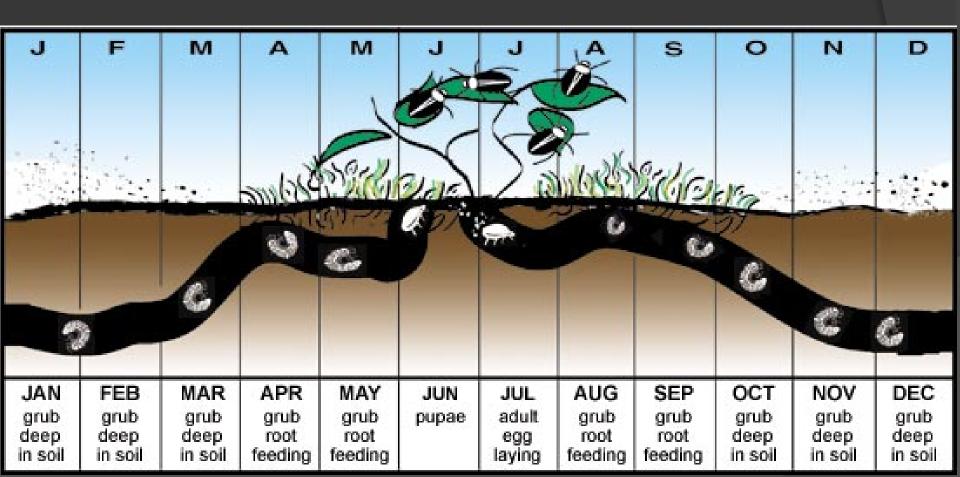
## WS FY21 Metroplex Project

- 70,000 acres
- 11 cooperators
- \$25,000 in damages\*
- 277 swine removed

#### Education and Outreach

- Meet with property owners
- Make suggestions
- Discuss options
- Involve them in solution

#### **Grub Control**







## Fencing

- Non-Lethal
- Long term solution
- Multiple types



# Turbo Fladry









#### Direct control

- City Property
- Private property
- How will we dispose of Swine
- Hire a private Trapper
- Hire a State/Gov Trapper
- Allow citizens to Hire trapper
- Pick one department to oversee

### Transport Law

- Approved holding facility
- Recognized slaughter facility
- Authorized hunting preserve

.10-.60cents/lbs









## Strategic shooting

- Certain number of hogs that don't enter traps
- Damage still occurs
- Very effective for solitary animals
- Coordination with PD



### Challenges

- Budget
- Manpower
- Using all the tools
- Sustained effort
- Department responsibility

### Questions?

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