

FERAL HOGS BY THE NUMBERS

A Growing Population



5.3 Million
2015

2.6 Million
2010



Estimated Texas Feral Hog Population

Economic Impacts



\$52,000,000 in agricultural damages annually in Texas



\$7,000,000 spent repairing damage and/or controlling feral hogs in Texas annually



\$200 annual damage per hog in urban and suburban areas

United States Feral Hog Distribution



The Feral Hog Problem:

Feral hogs can be found in 99% of Texas counties. As feral hog populations continue to increase across the state, their impacts to agriculture and the environment will only intensify. This free-ranging, non-native, invasive species exhibits the highest reproductive capability of any hoofed animal, which makes population reduction difficult. Population reduction measures need to increase drastically, as the estimated harvest rate in Texas is only 29% but up to 66% of the population will need to be removed annually on a long-term basis to reach a stable population.



Legal Population Reduction Techniques in Texas



Trapping



Shooting



Trained Dogs



Snaring



Which Technique Works Best?

Best management practices suggest that trapping can be a highly effective technique, but ultimately, a strategic combination of multiple techniques will have the largest impact on feral hog populations within the state.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Feral Hog Resources:

Coping with Feral Hogs: <http://feralhogs.tamu.edu>

Feral Hog Reporting: <http://feralhogreports.tamu.edu>

Feral Hogs Community of Practice (CoP): http://extension.org/feral_hogs

Feral Hogs CoP Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/feralhogcop>

Feral Hogs CoP Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/feralhogscoP>

WFSC YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/wfscagrillife>

Wild Wonderings Blog: <http://www.wild-wonderings.blogspot.com>

Feral Hogs Scoop.It! page: <http://www.scoop.it/t/wild-pigs-feral-hogs>

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