



FERAL HOG UPDATE

Overview

- Exotic animals that are not native to North America
- Deemed a “public nuisance” in Arkansas
- Responsible for **\$1.5 billion +** in damages annually; \$300 million in agriculture (USDA APHIS)
- Estimated \$19 million in damages to row crops alone in Arkansas (USDA NASS Survey 2014).

Lincoln County: Star City



Columbia County: Magnolia



Chicot County – Mississippi River Levee



Arkansas County



Van Buren County: Scotland



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Legend:

- More Than 10 Swine Per Square Mile (Red)
- 10 Or Less Swine Per Square Mile (Green)
- Swine Are Rare Or Absent (White)

Scale: 0 100 200 300 400 500 MILES

Inset Maps: ALASKA, HAWAII, PUERTO RICO, ST. THOMAS, ST. JOHN, ST. CROIX

Logo: SOUTHEASTERN COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE DISEASE STUDY

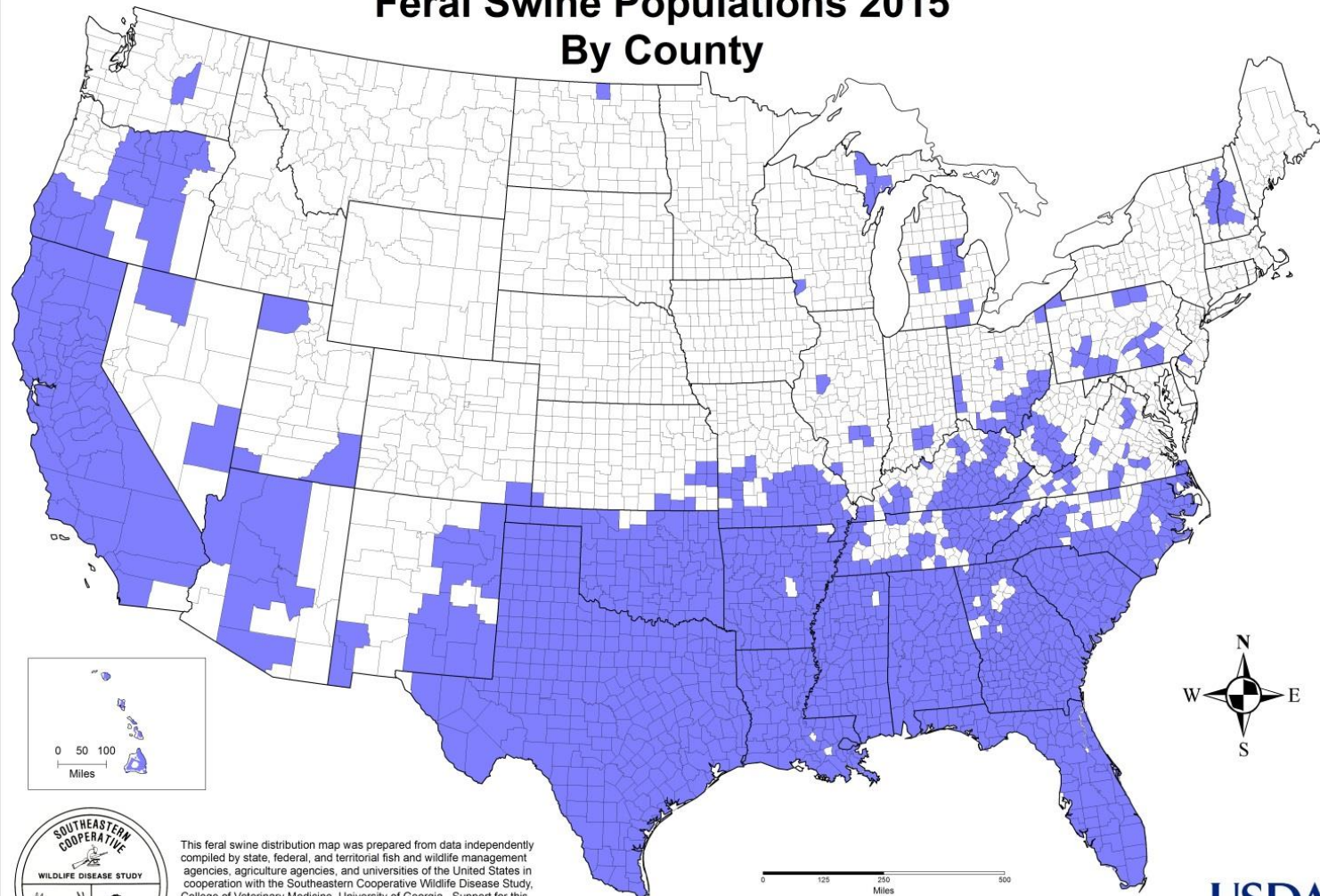
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Feral Swine Populations 2015 By County



This feral swine distribution map was prepared from data independently compiled by state, federal, and territorial fish and wildlife management agencies, agriculture agencies, and universities of the United States in cooperation with the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia. Support for this project was through Cooperative Agreement Number 15-9100-1407, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force

- Act 1010 of the 91st General Assembly created the Feral Hog Eradication Task Force. Effective July 31, 2017
- Arkansas Agriculture Department (Chair)
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (Co-chair)
- Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
- Arkansas Department of Natural Heritage
- Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture
- Also composed of membership from associations, federal agencies and NGOs
- 17 voting members with additional membership in advisory roles

Duties

- Goal: Develop statewide plan to eradicate feral hogs and provide recommendations for effective strategies
 - Task Force Committees will provide components of the statewide plan with recommendations to achieve desired results:
 - Task Force Committees:
 - Education and Outreach
 - Management and Control
 - Policy
- The task force will report to the Legislative Council on the progress of the plan by December 31, 2017.

AGFC Control Efforts:

- **AGFC Removals**

- 3915 hogs removed (2017 YTD)
- 2985 hogs removed (2016)

– Trapping Totals:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
• WMAs*	2929 (67%)	1297 (46.6%)
• Private Property	986 (25%)	1301 (46.7%)
• Other methods	8%	7%
• *includes other public property not AGFC owned		

AGFC Control Efforts:

- Trapping Efficiency

• <u>Year</u>	<u>Hours/Hog</u>
• 2014	8.7
• 2015	6.6
• 2016	5.4
• 2017	2.9

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