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UPDATE - New World Screwworm – Animal Movement Requirements

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- 1. Animal Screwworm special import requirements apply only to animals exiting the Florida Keys traveling to Georgia to remain for a period of time. It does not apply to animals transiting Georgia without stopping.**
- 2. No permit number will be required.**
- 3. All animals leaving the Screwworm Quarantined Area in the Florida Keys and traveling to Georgia will be required to:**
 - A. Obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI or Health Certificate)**
 - B. Provide the following veterinary statement on the CVI:**

“The animals listed on this Certificate of Veterinary Inspection have been examined by me and found to be free of Screwworm”

On September 30, 2016, New World Screwworm was found in wild deer and pets in the Florida Keys. Due to the rapid response by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and USDA, the Screwworm finding has been confined to Big Pine Key and several smaller adjacent keys located in the Florida Keys.

Since New World Screwworm was detected in the Keys, FDACS and USDA have activated an Incident Management Team, established an Incident Command Post, instituted quarantine control, established an Interdiction Station at the northern end of the Keys, and conducted surveillance using fly traps and calls from the public. In addition, the joint FDACS and USDA response is releasing approximately 3 million sterile flies, twice a week on 9 Keys. FDACS has increased surveillance at Livestock Markets and Animal Sales on the mainland and have found no suspect cases of Screwworm. At the interdiction station set up in the Keys the joint FDACS/USDA team has assessed over 1,900 animals - none have been detected with Screwworm. To date, no Screwworm flies or infestations have been detected outside the lower keys.

In an effort to protect the health of the Georgia Animal Industry and to safely maintain animal movement, on October 12, 2016, the Georgia Department of Agriculture instituted special health requirements for animals moving from Florida into Georgia. To date, New World Screwworm has not been reported in Georgia.

Due to the rapid response by FDACS and USDA; the intensive surveillance being conducted; the lack of spread of Screwworm from the lower Keys; the lack of detection of Screwworm in mainland Florida or in Georgia, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, effective immediately, will modify the animal import requirements for animals coming into Georgia from Florida.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture encourages all animal owners to carefully examine their animals and report any signs of Screwworm. In Georgia, please report to 404-656-3667 (8:00-4:30) or online using the Reportable Animal Disease form at the link below.

For more information, please visit the Georgia Department of Agriculture website at:
<http://agr.georgia.gov/animal-health.aspx>

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert M Cobb Jr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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