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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Issue Date Range: Oct. 30, 2023 – Nov. 3, 2023

Update by the Numbers:

Total traps deployed (Aug. – Nov. 2023): 167

New traps deployed: 0

Traps checked: 167

Hornets found: 3

Total nests found & eradicated (Aug – Nov. 2023): 5

Nests found: 0

Nests eradicated: 0



Reminders/Updates:

Last week, we received word from the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, indicating their belief that Nest #5 was eradicated before queens were released.

Our primary strategy for hornet capture revolves around monitoring hives with hawking activity, primarily those belonging to backyard beekeepers, alongside sentinel hives. Activity levels were notably lower, particularly from Monday, 10/30, to Wednesday, 11/1, but showed a slight uptick on Friday, 11/3, with three live hornets successfully caught (this figure is lower than what we have observed in the past). Thunderbolt, GA, where we received the initial hornet report, remains an area of heightened activity. As of now, there are no search parties scheduled, but anyone encountering hawking around their hives is encouraged to email us at yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov.

IF YOU SEE A YELLOW-LEGGED HORNET,

Take a photo and report it by scanning the code to the right or visiting agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet

