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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Update by the Numbers:

New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 836

Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – October 8, 2025): 2,092

Hornets found (September 18, 2025 – October 8, 2025): 203

Nests found & eradicated (September 18, 2025 – October 8, 2025): 12 nests were found (10 have been eradicated, 2 will be eradicated shortly)

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – October 8, 2025): 96 nests have been found (94 have been eradicated, 2 will be eradicated shortly)

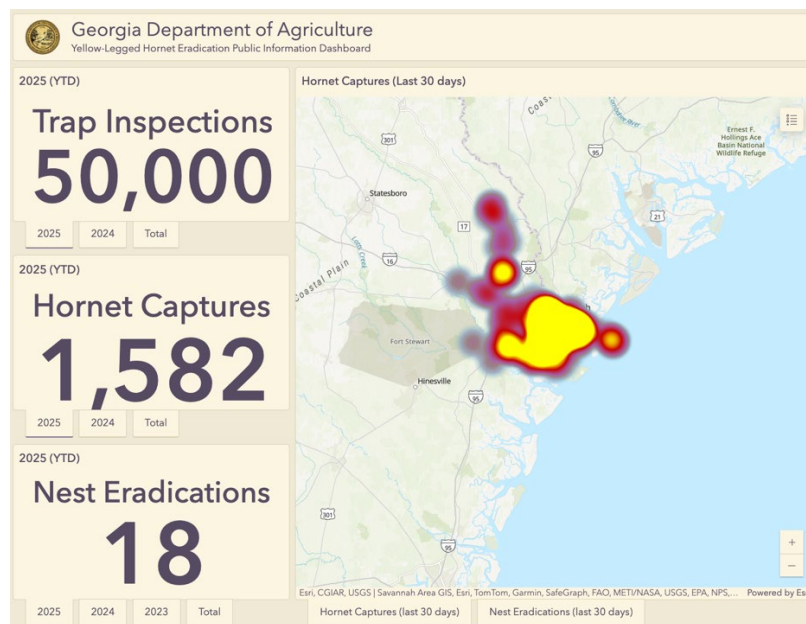
- 2025: 4 embryo nests, 5 primary nests, 34 secondary nests

- 2024: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 41 secondary nests

- Total: 48

- 2023: 5 secondary nests

Stay informed with the interactive [Yellow-legged Hornet Eradication Map](#)—updated with the latest data.



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Yellow-legged Hornet Eradication Efforts Continue in Georgia:

Over the past several weeks, the Plant Protection team has been actively tracking, trapping, and working to eradicate Yellow-legged Hornets (YLH). Now in their third year of managing this invasive pest, the team has successfully contained YLH activity to the Savannah, Georgia area.

We believe this success is due to a rigorous trapping program across Coastal Georgia, in-depth research into YLH behavior patterns, and close collaboration with partner agencies, universities, and neighboring states. Together, they are sharing data and strategies to combat the spread of this pest.



Recently, the team hosted the annual meeting of the Horticultural Inspection Society–Southern Chapter. During this event, they shared their progress and findings on tracking and eliminating the Yellow-legged Hornet from Georgia.

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Between mid-September and now, the team has eradicated ten nests, with two more scheduled for removal later this week. They have also recorded over 200 hornets during this period. Since January, 836 traps have been deployed across the state.



Community involvement remains critical to their success. If you notice a suspicious-looking nest or increased hornet activity near your beehive,

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please report it. Sightings can be submitted via email at yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov or through the [online form](#).

Report Yellow-legged Hornets in Georgia



Report a YLH Sighting

If you live in Georgia and have seen a yellow-legged hornet, report it with our form. →



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We appreciate your assistance in helping us eradicate this serious threat to Georgia's agriculture, our state's number one industry. For more information, visit GDA's Dedicated Yellow-legged Hornet webpage: <https://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet>.