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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Update by the Numbers:

New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 854

Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – October 29, 2025): 2,110

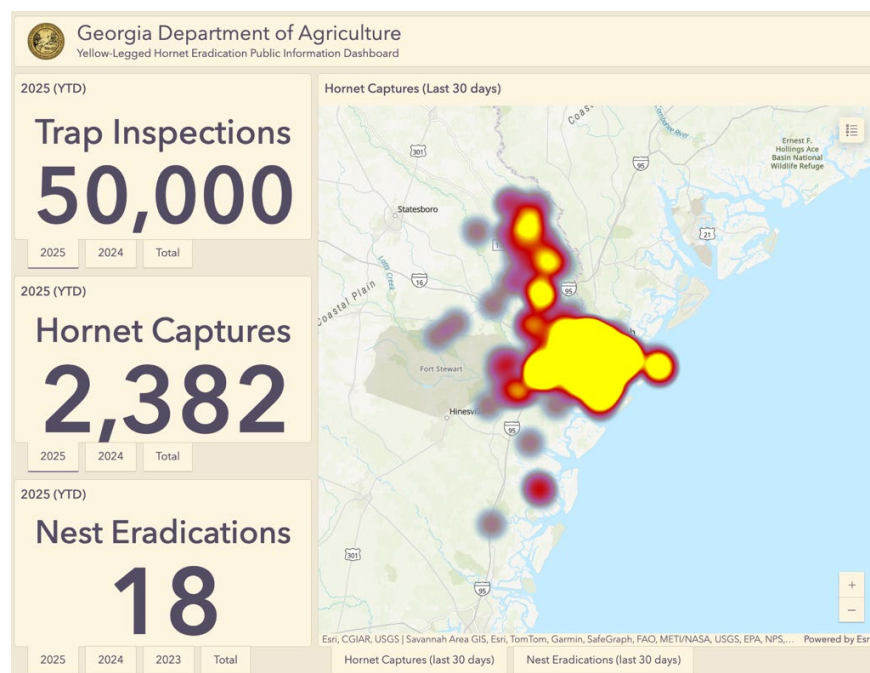
Hornets found (October 9, 2025 – October 29, 2025): 1,052

Nests found & eradicated (October 9, 2025 – October 29, 2025): 10

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – October 29, 2025): 106

- 2025: 4 embryo nests, 5 primary nests, 44 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.



Yellow-legged Hornet Eradication Efforts Continue:

Over the past few weeks, the Plant Protection team has noticed a marked increase in hornet captures. This uptick is likely linked, in part, to recent nest removal efforts.

The team has also begun capturing drones. These male yellow-legged hornets serve a very specific purpose: mating with new queens. After mating, the drones die, while the fertilized queens hibernate through the winter to establish new colonies in the spring.

It's important to note that yellow-legged hornet colonies, including the drones, naturally die off each fall, so this seasonal activity is a normal part of their life cycle.

Community involvement remains critical to their success. If you notice a suspicious-looking nest or increased hornet activity, please report it. Sightings can be submitted via email at yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov or through the [online form](#).



We appreciate your assistance in helping us eradicate this

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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>.