

A Path to This Detection Timeline

2022 ○ **Panama barrier breached.** NWS breaks through the USDA sterile fly barrier zone for the first time in decades — spreading through Central America. Panama declared state of emergency in 2023.

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Nov. 2024 ○ **Mexico confirmed.** NWS detected in Chiapas, Mexico. The pest advances north, reaching more than 27,000 reported detections across Mexico by mid-2026.

May 2025 ○ **U.S. closes border to Mexican livestock.** Live cattle, horse, and bison imports suspended — cutting off ~1.2M Mexican cattle/year as the U.S. herd sits at a 74-year low.

Sep. 2025 ● **Nuevo León — 70 miles from Texas.** NWS confirmed near the Monterrey–Laredo commercial corridor.

Jan. 2026 ● **Preemptive sterile fly releases begin in Texas.** ~4M sterile flies/week deployed up to 50 miles into South Texas. More than 130M sterile flies released before the first U.S. detection.

Jun. 2, 2026 ● **Coahuila confirmed — 25 miles from Texas.** NWS in a goat in Coahuila, directly across from Maverick County, Texas.

Jun. 3

● **1st U.S. case. Zavala County, Texas.** Larvae in umbilical area of 3-week-old calf, La Pryor. 12-mile quarantine zone established.

Jun. 5

● **2nd case. Zavala County — 5.6 miles away.** 1-month-old calf. Gov. Abbott expands statewide disaster declaration. Wider surveillance zone activated.

Jun. 8

● **3rd, 4th, and 5th cases. La Salle County, TX, Lea County, NM and Gillespie County, TX** A calf (La Salle Co.), a dog (Lea Co.), and a goat (Gillespie Co.)