Life Cycle of NWS

Adult screwworm fly is attracted to smell of an open wound and lays her eggs on the edges of it.



Within a few hours, the eggs hatch into larvae, which burrow into the wound to feed. This worsens the wound and attracts more flies, which lay more eggs.



The larvae feed for about a week and then fall off and burrow into the ground to pupate.



After at least 7 days, an adult fly emerges.

