

NEW WORLD SCREWWORM FACT SHEET

New World Screwworm has **not been detected in Minnesota or Wisconsin**. This notice is part of our proactive biosecurity program. If you observe an unusual wound, report it immediately.

What is Screwworm? New World Screwworm is **NOT a typical maggot**. Unlike common fly larvae that feed on dead tissue, **screwworm larvae feed on living flesh**, causing wounds to become larger and more severe very quickly.

Where they live:

- Cuts and scrapes
- Surgical sites
- Hooves and abscesses
- Eyes, ears, nose, and mouth
- Sheath or udder
- Tail and dock
- Tick or insect bites
- Skin infections
- Any draining wound

Warning Signs

- Wound getting larger
- Bloody discharge
- Bad odor
- Maggots or larvae
- Tissue that appears to be eaten away
- Excessive swelling
- Horse biting, rubbing, or protecting the area
- Depression or loss of appetite

DO NOT

- Ignore suspicious wounds
- Pick out larvae unless directed by the veterinarian
- Apply home remedies

DO

- Notify the Barn Manager immediately
- Wear gloves when handling wounds
- Wash hands and disinfect equipment afterward
- Remove manure
- Keep stalls clean
- Eliminate standing water
- Use fly repellents
- Keep wounds clean and protected