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Hunting in a Fever Tick Quarantine Area

Things to Know Before You Go

Austin, TX – Hunting season has arrived and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) officials are reminding hunters in South Texas that additional precautions are required when handling white-tailed deer, nilgai antelope, black buck, axis deer, and other exotics located on fever tick quarantined premises.

Portions of Cameron, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Hidalgo, Kinney, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata counties have established fever tick quarantine areas.

"Hunters play a critical role in protecting the state from fever tick expansion," said Dr. Andy Schwartz, TAHC Executive Director, "and we are asking for their help this hunting season to ensure this tick is not inadvertently transported to unaffected areas of the state when harvested deer or exotics are moved from quarantined premises."

Landowners, lessees, or other individuals who plan to harvest, move or capture white-tailed deer, nilgai antelope, or other exotic animals located on an infested, exposed, adjacent, or check quarantined premises must have the animals inspected and treated by a TAHC or USDA-VS representative before moving off the premises.

County	USDA Inspection Request Phone Number	TAHC Inspection Request Phone Number
Cameron	956-254-2507	956-908-9390
Jim Hogg	-----	361-318-6583
Jim Wells	-----	361-318-6583
Hidalgo	956-580-3355	956-568-5741
Kinney	830-775-5452	956-568-5741
Maverick	830-773-5565	956-568-5741
Starr	956-487-5007	956-568-5741
Webb	956-723-3051	956-568-5741
Willacy	-----	956-443-6609 (8am-5pm) 956-908-9390 (after hours)
Zapata	956-765-4911	956-568-5741

“The inspection and treatment process is fairly quick and simple,” said Dr. Susan Rollo, State Epidemiologist. “Following inspection, TAHC or USDA personnel will treat all hides, capes, and animals presented with an approved acaricide and will issue a permit for movement of such wildlife products from the premises.”

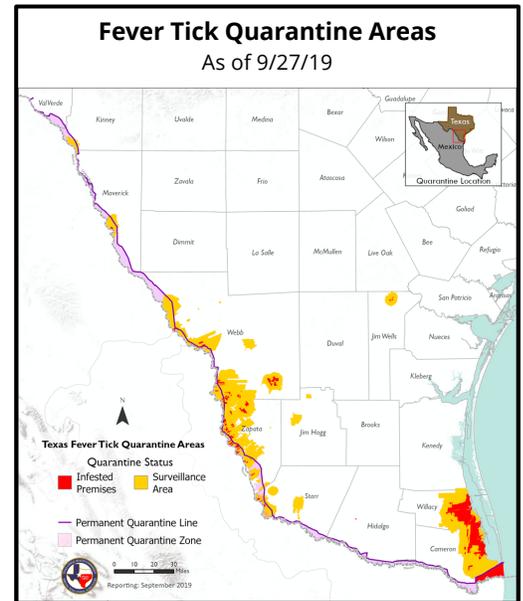
To learn more about the TAHC and USDA wildlife inspection requirements, visit

https://www.tahc.texas.gov/animal_health/feverticks-pests/TAHCBrochure_FeverTickWildlifeInspection.pdf.

To learn more about fever ticks, visit

http://www.tahc.texas.gov/animal_health/cattle/#ticks/ or view the documents below:

- TAHC Cattle Fever Tick Brochure
http://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_FeverTick.pdf
- TAHC Cattle Fever Tick Frequently Asked Questions
http://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_FeverTickFAQ.pdf
- USDA Pest Alert
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/plant_health/content/printable_version/fs_phasi_angm.pdf



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