

The National Feral Swine Program, National Strategy – The First Five Years

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ABSTRACT: In 2014, through Congressional direction, the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) National Feral Swine Damage Management Program was created. While feral swine damage management was certainly not new to APHIS Wildlife Services, this mandate enabled a programmatic and unified approach in combating the destructive forces of feral swine throughout the United States and its territories. Recognizing the variance in environmental conditions and regulatory processes throughout the states, APHIS' strategy is to provide resources and expertise at a national level, while allowing flexibility to manage operational activities from a local or state perspective. Having completed the first five years of this pursuit, APHIS has compiled a report which serves to describe the program and its components, ongoing collaborative research, the operational approach, and the outreach and communication campaigns. This presentation provided an overview of this report, introducing accomplishments achieved, setbacks encountered, and future considerations. The report will be electronically available on the USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services web page at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage>

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