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Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson Announces August 2024 Wild Hog Control Program Application Period

JACKSON, Miss. – Today, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson announced that the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) will begin accepting a new round of applications for its Wild Hog Control Program (WHCP) tomorrow, Thursday, August 1. The application period will close on Thursday, August 15. All Mississippi counties are eligible for the application period.

Through the WHCP, MDAC provides “smart” wild hog traps to landowners and managers for the control of wild hogs on private agricultural and forestry lands in Mississippi. MDAC provides the training necessary to use the “smart” traps and technical guidance regarding the most effective methods to trap and control wild hogs on private lands.

“Wild hogs are a huge threat to our farms and natural resources across the state,” said Commissioner Gipson. “MDAC’s Wild Hog Control Program staff are dedicated to assisting farmers and private land managers in the battle against these destructive animals. The most effective trapping equipment is used in our trap loan program, and the program has resulted in great success.”

Applications must be completed and submitted online at www.mdac.ms.gov/whcp. Submitted applications will be evaluated based on the number of acres available for trapping, historical agricultural losses caused by wild hogs on the property and current trapping efforts on the property. A cooperative application is encouraged for small acreage (i.e., adjoining land managers of small parcels should work together to submit one application). Traps will be available for one-month intervals, dependent upon use and success. One trap per 500 acres is recommended, depending on landscape and land use.

Visit www.mdac.ms.gov/whcp for program guidelines, application and additional information. Submit questions regarding the WHCP to Chris McDonald at chris@mdac.ms.gov.

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Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson announced that the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce will be accepting a new round of applications for its Wild Hog Control Program Thursday, August 1, through Thursday, August 15. Pictured above: This large group (sounder) of wild hogs was captured in Madison County by a landowner using equipment and technical support provided by MDAC's Wild Hog Control Program.