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## Agriculture Commissioner Andy Gipson Announces November 2026 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) starting November 1. The application period will remain open until November 15, 2026. All Mississippi counties are eligible for the application period.

"I encourage landowners and managers impacted by wild hogs to a apply for participation in the Wild Hog Control Program," said Commissioner Gipson. "This trapping program continues to deliver positive results in the fight against these destructive nuisance animals, which cause significant damage to farmland and forestlands across Mississippi."

Through the WHCP, MDAC provides "smart" 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.

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, applications and additional information. Submit questions regarding the WHCP to Harold Leonard at HaroldL@mdac.ms.gov.

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**Photo attached.**




**MDAC will be accepting a new round of applications for its Wild Hog Control Program November 1 through November 15, 2026. Pictured: A group (sounder) of wild hogs in Greene County being conditioned and baited for trapping.**