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# Secretary Rollins Announces Bold Plan to Combat New World Screwworm's Northward Spread

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**(Edinburg, TX, June 18, 2025)** – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins this morning launched an \$8.5 million sterile New World screwworm (NWS) fly dispersal facility in South Texas and announced a [sweeping five-pronged plan](#) (PDF, 434 KB) to enhance USDA’s already robust ability to detect, control, and eliminate this pest. These urgent actions are necessary to finish the fight against NWS and protect the United States.

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