

Feral Swine Working Group
AFWA Annual Meeting 2026
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

September 15, 2026
2:30-4:30 PM

1. The meeting was called to order and the Minutes from the meeting of the FSWG during the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference were approved by motion.
2. Martin Coker (MS DFWP) has been nominated to assume the position of Vice-Chair for the Feral Swine Working Group. Once approved he will be installed and we look forward to working with him and thank him for stepping in to assist in the efforts of the Group.
3. Dr. Dana Cole (USDA-APHIS-WS) gave a presentation for the National Feral Swine Damage Management Program. Dr. Cole highlighted recent funding of the program and eradication/control efforts across numerous states.
4. The SEAFWA Wild Hog Working Group finished the SEAFWA Position Statement Regarding Wild Hog Control and Eradication. This document will be reviewed and voted upon during the SEAFWA annual conference in October 2026. This document was used as a guide for NWPTF's paper "Recreational hunting is an ineffective tool for achieving elimination of wild pigs".
5. MAFWA Feral Swine Committee (Alan Leary, MDC) had nothing new to report from this group.
6. NWPTF updates to AFWA Feral Hog Working Group (Dr. Nathan Snow)
 - 1) Thanks to Terri Brunjes for being willing and then being elected to serve as the chair-elect for the NWPTF. She will be chair elect for another 2.5 years, then chair for 2 years.
 - 2) The NWPTF revamped its website. Vickie DeNicola is managing the website. Visit nwptf.org to check it out.
 - a. This site serves as a great public facing page for compiling the issues with wild pigs.
 - b. Has a collection of resources for anyone looking for management guides

- c. Will be a central repository for scientific literature. The Research Subcommittee of NWPTF is currently going back and uploading research from the last 50 years.
 - i. The plan is to maintain this going forward, led by the Research subcommittee (Jim Beasley is the current chair of this)
 - ii. We will also highlight some featured research
 - 1. New publication
 - 2. Highlights a new tool/technology or knowledge
 - 3. Or Highlights a new impact/damage/cost
 - 4. Has broad implications
- 3) The NWPTF is collectively working on a draft paper entitled something like: “Recreational hunting is an ineffective tool for achieving elimination of wild pigs”. Our purpose with this is to highlight that recreational hunting wild pigs can be detrimental to a goal of elimination, and to have this be a resource that can get passed to legislators when policy decisions need to be made. First draft produced by early 2027.
- 4) Upcoming conferences:
 - a. The next in person meeting will be sometime during March 29–April 2 in West Lafayette, Indiana during the Wildlife Damage Management Conference.
 - b. Mike Bodenchuk and the Texas Wildlife Damage Association has offered to host the next International Wild Pig Conference in Texas during March of 2028. NWPTF will be helping with the planning. Need to form a conference planning committee.
 - c. Elizabeth Bradley has offered to host the NWPTF in the Carolinas for 2030.
- 7. Update on Virtual Meetings
 - a. Virtual Meetings of the AFWA FSWG and other groups (SEAFWA, MAFWA, USDA-APHIS-WS, NGOs) are being held quarterly to provide an opportunity for all groups working in the sector of feral swine management to share ideas, updates, and progress. This is also an opportunity to brainstorm new products

that might be useful to agencies and other organizations managing feral swine damage. The next meeting will be in November.

8. Update on Feral Swine hunter education and policy pamphlets

- a. The AFWA FSWG is developing a pamphlet on the negative impacts of feral swine to native game species, specifically for the hunting public, to dissuade relocations of feral swine and inform about the best ways to reduce populations and damage.
- b. The group is also developing a pamphlet that will be used to inform policy makers about the perils of having feral swine on the landscape.
- c. A draft will be provided to the Invasive Species Committee for review, comment, and approval soon.

9. Collaboration and Cooperation between National/Regional Working Groups

- a. National Contact List- the NWPTF chose to host a webpage for Wild Pig Groups that includes links to each website, instead of creating an excel style list of hundreds of names and contact info. This will facilitate better communication among groups without the huge burden of keeping a list updated.
- b. Joint Meetings- a joint meeting between AFWA FSWG, MAFWA FSWG, and SEAFWA WHWG occurred during the International Wild Pig Conference in Montgomery, Alabama in April 2026. This is the first time that AFWA FSWG has attended this meeting, and it was hugely successful in promoting communication and the sharing of information.

10. During the Open Forum agenda item, many groups and agencies discussed ongoing efforts in various states to eradicate feral swine and reduce feral swine damage.