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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Since our last update, the Plant Protection Division (PPD) has continued its efforts to detect and manage YLH presence. Between May 29 and June 11, 2025, PPD discovered 24 hornets. PPD located one primary nest during this period, though no new nests were eradicated. The nest contained some larvae, but most of the adult hornets had already left, presumably relocating to a secondary site. Hornet detections remain steady, suggesting that embryo and primary nests are still intact in some areas and have not yet fully transitioned.



Picture 1: A YLH embryo nest.



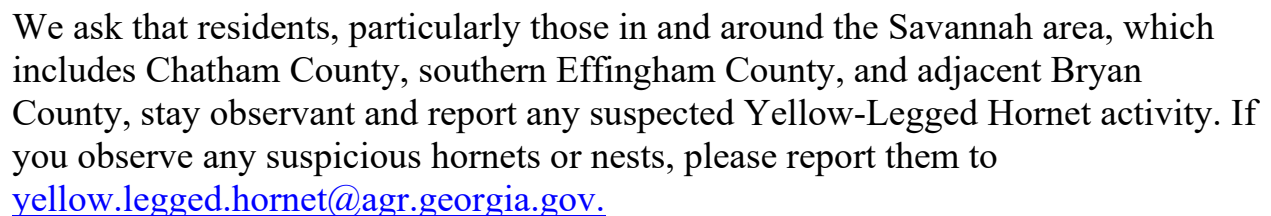
Picture 2: A YLH primary nest.



Picture 3: A Yellow-legged Hornet.

To help visualize areas of concern, we've included a new map showing the general locations of YLH activity. The heatmap indicates where positive trap detections

have occurred, while large red squares mark confirmed nest locations.



New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 786
Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – May 28, 2025): 2,032
Hornets found (May 29, 2025 – June 11, 2025): 24
Nests found & eradicated (May 1, 2025 – May 14, 2025): 1
Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – May 28, 2025): 58

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- 2025: 4 embryo nest, 2 primary nest, 0 secondary nest
- 2024: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 40 secondary nests
 - Total: 47
- 2023: 5 secondary nests

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Yellow-legged Hornet sighting reports can be reported to yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov or submitted only at <https://bit.ly/3Tt2M1u>.



Check out our step-by-step [video](#) guide to help Georgians create effective yellow-legged hornet traps using common household materials.



We appreciate your assistance in helping us eradicate this serious threat to Georgia's agriculture, our state's number one industry. For more information, visit GDA's Dedicated Yellow-legged Hornet webpage: <https://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet>.