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Two Years of Progress: Eradicating the Yellow-legged Hornet in Georgia

As we mark two years in the fight to eradicate the Yellow-legged Hornet from Georgia, our team remains committed to tracking, trapping, and eradicating this invasive species from our state.

During this time, the Plant Protection Division (PPD) has:

- Eradicated 65 nests (4 additional nests currently awaiting eradication),
- Deployed more than 2,000 traps across the state,
- Contained the spread of the Yellow-legged Hornet, remaining limited to the Savannah area.

If you would like to be a part of this initiative, PPD is currently seeking motivated individuals to assist in Yellow-legged Hornet eradication efforts. If you'd like to apply, visit bit.ly/44z5v09 to apply.

Bi-Weekly YLH Update:

Over the past several days, PPD has located three secondary nests, and one additional nest—likely a primary—was reported and eradicated at a hotel in the Savannah area. In addition, four more nests have been identified and are awaiting eradication, with recent weather conditions temporarily delaying removal operations.



(Pictured: Recent nests found in the Savannah area & successfully eradicated.)

We appreciate the continued vigilance and support from the public and our partners as we work toward full eradication. If you spot a nest, please report it immediately. You can contact the Plant Protection Division at yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov or submit a report using our [online form](#).

Update by the Numbers:

New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 815

Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – August 6, 2025): 2,065

Hornets found (July 25, 2025 – August 6, 2025): 168

Nests found & eradicated (July 25, 2025 – August 6, 2025): 7

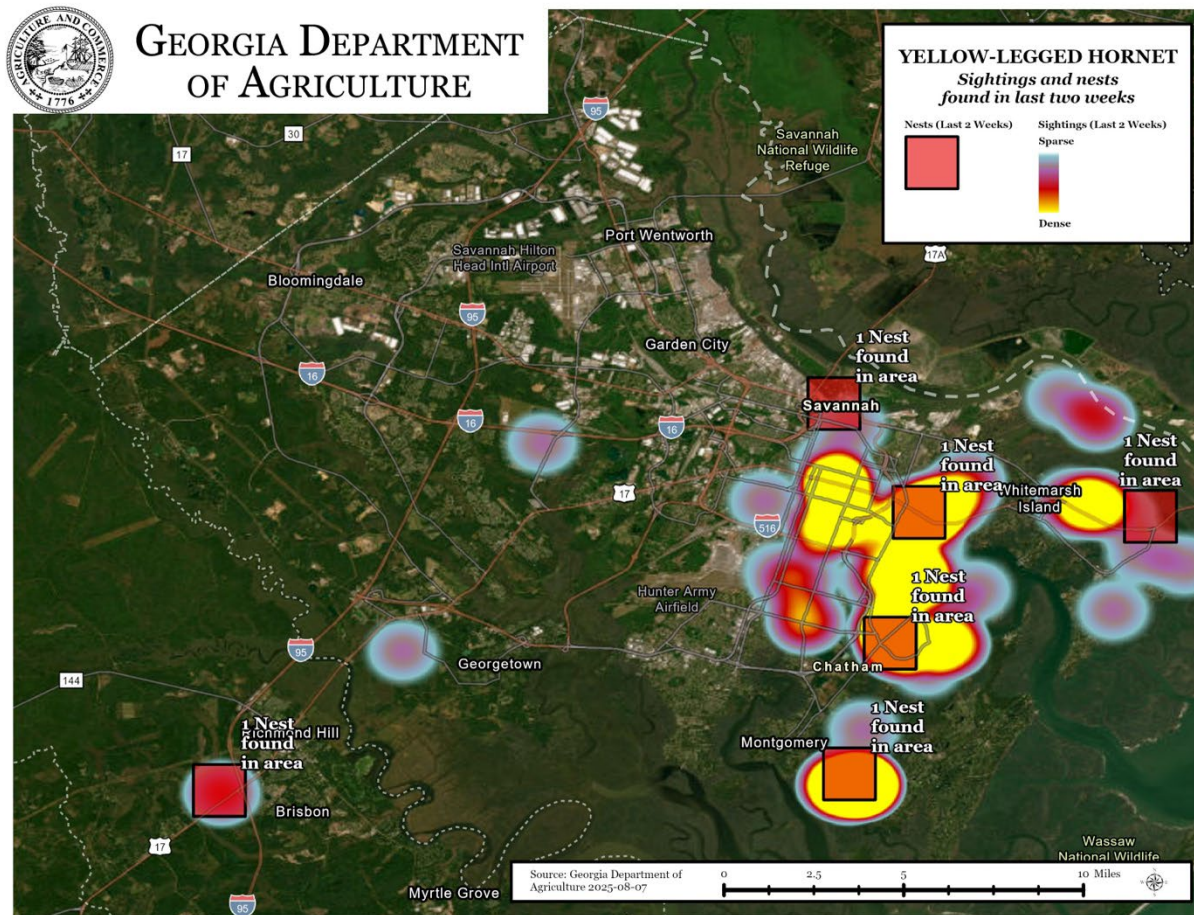
Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – August 6, 2025): 65
eradicated | 4 awaiting eradications

- 2025: 4 embryo nests, 4 primary nests, 9 secondary nests
- 2024: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 40 secondary nests
 - Total: 47

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- 2023: 5 secondary nests

The latest YLH activity map offers an overview of recent detection trends. Areas with positive trap captures are shown as a heatmap, while confirmed nest locations are marked with red squares.



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>.