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Regulations regarding Feral Swine approved by State Board of Agriculture

The State Board of Agriculture on Tuesday approved proposed regulations pertaining to Feral Swine.

The measure was approved by a 5-0 vote of the board during the regular March board meeting at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, 2800 N Lincoln Blvd.

The purpose of these rules is to implement the provisions of the Feral Swine Control Act and to adopt aggressive measures for the eradication of all feral swine in the State of Oklahoma. Feral swine are a non-native invasive species to Oklahoma that detrimentally impact agricultural production and natural resources in Oklahoma. As feral swine populations increase, citizens of Oklahoma suffer damage to crops, livestock and wildlife habitat. Feral swine pose a health risk to humans, livestock, companion animals and native wildlife. The Department's goal is to render the State of Oklahoma free of feral swine. The Department shall investigate and implement new population control methods, technologies, and toxicants as they become available to achieve this goal.

The approved rules will now go to the state Legislature and Governor for review and approval. If approved by the Legislature and Governor, these rules will become effective in mid-September.

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