

# Georgia Feral Hog Task Force Announces Pilot Trap Rental Program and Workshop in Middle South Georgia Soil & Water Conservation District

Atlanta, Ga – On January 3, 2023, the Georgia Feral Hog Task Force, a multi-agency collaboration between the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD), and the University of Georgia, announced a new trap rental pilot program will be rolled out at a workshop in Tifton on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The workshop is open to anyone in the Middle South Georgia Soil & Water Conservation District impacted by feral hogs and interested in renting a PigBrig trap. Attendance at the workshop is required to participate in the trap rental program. The workshop is limited to 35 participants. Additional details below:

**What:** A workshop to roll out a new trap rental pilot program. It will cover topics including feral hog behavior and biology, Georgia feral hog hunting/trapping rules and regulations, zoonotic disease concerns, PPE and safe carcass handling, and installation and use of the PigBrig trap.

**Who:** Representatives from GDA, USDA, DNR, GACD, and UGA will lead the workshop. Anyone in the Middle South Georgia Soil & Water Conservation District (Ben Hill, Brooks, Colquitt, Crisp, Irwin, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth Counties) impacted by feral hogs and interested in renting a trap is welcomed to attend; however, participation is limited to 35 attendees and attendance at the workshop is required to participate in the trap rental program. At this time, the program is ONLY available to Georgians in counties listed above, and

**When:** 1:00-5:00PM on Tuesday, January 23, 2024

**Where:** Tift County Extension Office – 1468 Carpenter Road South Tifton, Ga 31793

**Trap Rentals:** Trap rentals will be \$80/month with a \$200 deposit and a maximum rental term of 3 months. Trap rentals will become available in the days following the workshop.

**Registration Link:** <https://www.gacd.us/events>

**Additional Info:** If you have questions or need additional information please contact the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts at [info@gacd.us](mailto:info@gacd.us), (833) 411-4223, or online at [www.gacd.us](http://www.gacd.us)

**FERAL HOG TRAP RENTAL TRAINING**  
 Training must be completed to participate in rental program. Trap rental program is open to individuals located in Ben Hill, Brooks, Colquitt, Crisp, Irwin, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth Counties.  
 Training topics include: wild pig biology, regulations and laws, personal protective equipment and carcass disposal, demonstration on setup and use of the Pig Brig trapping system.  
 Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Tifton USDA Service Center, 1468 Carpenter Rd S, Tifton, GA 31793  
 REGISTER AT [GACD.US/EVENTS](https://www.gacd.us/events)  
 Training is limited to the first 35 registrants. Participants must provide t-posts for use with trapping system. Rental fee is \$80/month with a \$200 deposit. 3 months maximum rental.  
 For questions, email [info@gacd.us](mailto:info@gacd.us) or call Marc Land, GACD Feral Hog Program Manager at 229-343-5039.

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