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Invasive Species: Wild Boar

The wild boar first originated in Eurasia. During the 1500’s, as a means to become an imported food source, the wild boar were introduced to the U.S. Over time these large pigs happened to escape from either domestication or just being intentionally released by its owner. Every year, there are about 5-6 pigs per litter. As of right now, their population has been able to grow into 45 out of the 50 states; 5 million of them are in Texas. What’s worse is that they don’t have a natural predator.

Because of their growth, 1.5 billion dollars’ worth of damage is based off of their actions as they terrorize farms, plants, and livestock. This has made them the most invasive species to date on the list of invasive species. The U.S citizens won’t just sit around though.

As an action to make a comeback from the damage they have caused, citizens in Virginia have started hunting them to reduce their population. The situation to kill one is actually as difficult as controlling the population. They are incredibly fast and have long sharp teeth for weapons. The DNR have also been able to take action. Their way of dealing things is to place a law. The law states that possession of the live species and or egg or offspring is prohibited. If no one becomes a predator for the pigs, then we shall.

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