

Texas Hog Hunters Association



**THHA Opposes Sid Miller's Plan To Spread
Rat Poison (Warfarin) Across Texas Lands For Feral Hogs**

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Opposes Use of Rat Poison on Feral Hogs

*Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller has proposed using rat poison on Texas lands for control of feral hogs. Over 15,000 Texas hunters have signed opposition to that plan!

*Spreading rat poison—known as warfarin or Kaput®—across Texas lands will hurt Texas hunters, the multi-million dollar feral-hog meat-processing industry, Texas ranchers and other property owners, livestock, wildlife, and the environment. Using warfarin will damage, not help, feral-hog control in Texas. Hunters and trappers won't eat or sell poisoned hogs. Those effective, proven methods of control will be reduced.

*Warfarin is an anticoagulant. It kills by literally making the poisoned animal “bleed out” (including blood from nostrils and other body orifices). For feral hogs, death takes 9 days—and feral hogs can travel 5 to 20 miles a day. The death is slow and extremely painful. The 9-day period to death means poisoned hogs will travel across property lines and carcasses will end up on other ranches and properties by the time of the animal's death.

*Other wildlife and livestock (raccoons, bears, cattle, deer, goats) will get into bait stations and eat the poison, and spread it so that other animals and species eat it. Animals, birds of prey (eagles, hawks, caracaras), and vultures will feed on poisoned carcasses, causing secondary poisoning and spreading the poison.

*Australia tried and abandoned warfarin poisoning on hogs because of the extreme cruelty of the multi-day bleeding-out death and the harm to other wildlife.

*Sodium nitrite (used to cure bacon, so safe for humans) treatment for feral hogs is now under intensive study and should be available in one to two years.

Please act now:

*Prohibit use of any TDA or other state funds for warfarin poisoning.

*Prohibit use of warfarin or other toxic substances or chemicals until thorough, real-world scientific studies and field studies in Texas on feral hogs have been completed, published, and opened to public comment and hearings.

*Instead, develop a Rapid Response Network of trappers and hunters to provide established, proven methods of feral-hog control (trapping, hunting) for any rancher, farmer, or property owner who has an influx of feral hogs.