Wild Hog Management Techniques

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Wildlife Services’ Mission

... is to provide federal leadership in managing problems caused by wildlife.
Wild Hog Management Options

**Lethal**
- Hunting/Dogs
- Trapping
  - Corral traps
  - Box/cage traps
  - Snares
  - Drop Nets
- Shooting (Depredation permit)
- Toxicant (research only)
- Judas pig

**Non-lethal**
- Fencing (not always effective)
- Harassment
- Contraception (research only)
Population Management: Trapping

Trap materials and construction techniques must be able to withstand the forces exerted by captive animals.

Jump bars can increase effectiveness at keeping pigs from escaping from rectangular cage traps.
Trapping Considerations

1. Trap placement
2. Prebaiting is important
3. Leave trap door open
4. Traps checked regularly
5. Time of year (food availability)
6. May need to stop other management activities like hunting
7. What to do with wild pig after capture?
Cage Traps

Semi-Permanent

Portable
Fall Door

Also known as a guillotine door
Rooter or Lift Door
Other Options

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Protecting Wildlife

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Questions?