Feral Pig Management Techniques
South Carolina Wildlife Services Program

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Wildlife Services’ Mission

... is to provide federal leadership in managing problems caused by wildlife.

Damage Management Overview

- Legal Considerations
- Management Strategies
  - Fencing
  - Harassment
  - Contraception
  - Trapping
  - Shooting & Hunting
  - Toxicants
  - Snares

Nonlethal Management Options

- Exclusion
  - Woven-wire fences or electric (not always effective)
- Frightening not effective
- No repellents registered
- Contraception – under investigation

Population Management: Trapping

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

Jump bars are an effective tool to prevent pigs from escaping from rectangular cage traps.
Simple is sometimes better??

Cage Traps
- Portable
- Permanent

Door Types
- Fall door
- Swing Door
- Lift or rooter door

Fall Door
Also know as guillotine door

Swing Door

Rooter or Lift Door
Prebaiting

Recreational Hunting and Other Options

- Sport hunting
- Shooting at night
- Permits necessary
- No legal toxicants
- Snares
  - Not legal in SC

Other Options

Questions?