

Invasive Tick Found in Georgia



The Asian Longhorned Tick (ALHT) / Haemaphysalis longicornis

Be on the lookout for ticks! Ticks pose a significant health threat to Georgia's animals and our livestock industry. Tick surveillance protects animal health and is done at no cost to the producer.

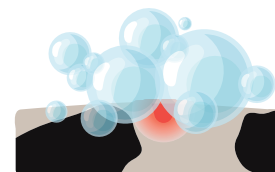
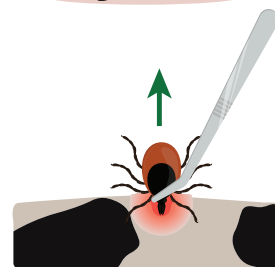
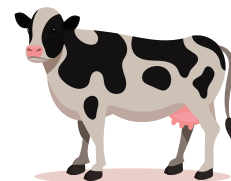
Collection

Use clean, fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. There are also commercially sold tweezers, made specifically for tick removal, with a forked flat edge.

Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick as this can cause the mouthparts to remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouthparts with tweezers if it can be done easily. If not, leave it alone.

After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

Don't try to pop or crush the tick. This can release infectious agents into the skin and will affect our ability to identify the tick.



Packaging

Put the tick in isopropyl alcohol in leak-proof container such as a ziploc bag, plastic or glass container. More than one tick from the same animal can be put into the same container. Label the container with the date, location, animal identification, and your name.

Reporting

If you find a large number of ticks on an individual animal, collect a few and call GDA Animal Health at **404-656-3667**.

Scaled nymph and adult on dime



Nymph and adult underside



Photos from Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

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