



WHAT IS IT

Rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus 2 (RHDV2) is a highly contagious virus infecting wild and domestic rabbits and hares.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

The rabbit hemorrhagic disease kills up to 80% of infected animals and is rapidly spreading throughout parts of North America.

WHY THE LOSS OF RABBITS IS IMPORTANT

The loss of wild rabbits will negatively impact food webs, ecosystem health, and hunting opportunities.

The loss of domestic rabbits will strongly impact pet owners.

The losses to the wide-spread domestic rabbit trade could cause substantial damage to the U.S. economy.

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RHDV2 Outbreak in Texas

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RHDV2 Confirmed in South Carolina

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Type-2 (RHDV2) has been detected for the first time in South Carolina after animal health authorities were alerted to a sudden die-off of feral rabbits at a homestead in Greenville County. Read more...

Connecticut becomes 27th State with RHDV2

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