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## **Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Encourages Homeowners to Help Control the Giant African Land Snail Population**

**Tallahassee, FL** - The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture is encouraging homeowners to help slow the spread and reduce the Giant African Land Snail population by voluntarily applying snail baits that can be purchased over the counter at most lawn and garden centers.

The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (UF/IFAS) recommends consumers use SLUGGO – AG. SLUGGO – AG is the most environmentally safe product available and contains iron phosphate as the active ingredient. It is approved for use on residential properties and should be applied following label instructions.

Inspection teams will begin applying snail bait in areas where high populations of the snails have been detected to help control the rapid growth of snails in the area. Residents will be notified at least 24 hours before treatments begin.

Since the first Giant African Land Snail discovery in early September, more than 23,000 snails have been collected from nine specific core areas in Miami-Dade County.

For additional information on SLUGGO – AG or other over the counter snail bait products, consumers can contact the Miami-Dade Extension office at (305) 248-3311, or visit

[http://solutionsforyourlife.ifas.ufl.edu/hot\\_topics/environment/giant\\_african\\_snail.html](http://solutionsforyourlife.ifas.ufl.edu/hot_topics/environment/giant_african_snail.html).

Miami-Dade County residents are encouraged to continue reporting snail sightings by calling (888) 397-1517, or by visiting the Department's website, [www.freshfromflorida.com/pi](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/pi)

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Photo: Giant African land snail

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