## NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN ROLLING PLAINS ZONE BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM

In accordance with the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, §74.118 (Vernon Supp. 1999) and 4 Tex. Admin. Code §3.73, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation hereby provides notice to growers in the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone that they are required to participate in the eradication program established by referendum for the Northern Rolling Plains Zone.

The Northern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone includes: all of Gray, Wheeler, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, Childress, Cottle, King, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Motley, Wichita, Clay and Foard counties and all of Archer County lying north of a line following FM 422 commencing at the Baylor County line running east to the intersection of FM 210, continuing east to the intersection of State Highway 25, and continuing east to the Clay County line. Also includes all of Kent County, that part of Garza County that lies below the Caprock escarpment, that part of Crosby County that lies below the Caprock escarpment, that part of Dickens County that lies below the Caprock escarpment, that part of Floyd County that lies north and east of a line running along FM 97 beginning at the Motley County line, continuing west to the Caprock escarpment and continuing north along the Caprock escarpment to the Briscoe County line; and that part of Briscoe County that lies east of a line running along Hackberry Creek from its intersection with the Armstrong County line to its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River, continuing south along Cherokee Creek from its intersection with County Road 27 to Highway 256, continuing west along Hwy 256 to the Caprock escarpment and continuing south along the Caprock escarpment to the Floyd County line; that part of Armstrong County that lies east and north of a line running along FM 294 from the Carson County line to State Highway 287, then running due south to Mulberry Creek, then running east along Mulberry Creek to the Donley County line.

Participation includes: (1) timely reporting to the Foundation of information requested regarding acreage and location of all commercial cotton fields and of noncommercial patches of cotton grown for ornamental, research or other purposes, as provided in the Texas Agricultural Code, §74.121; (2) payment of the assessment established by referendum ending on April 22, 1999, in the amount and manner approved for the Northern Rolling Plains Zone, and (3) compliance with any rules or procedures established by the Texas Department of Agriculture or the Foundation for implementation of the eradication program in the Northern Rolling Plains Zone. Upon notification by the Foundation of a producer's failure to timely comply with participation requirements stated above, the Department may assess an administrative penalty in accordance with 4 Tex. Admin. Code §3.74 or take other appropriate remedial action as provided by Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D. Any questions regarding the participation requirements may be directed to Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711, (512) 463-3285.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER FIELDS

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, Sec. 74.117 as amended, the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation hereby notify cotton growers in the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone of the schedule to enter fields or premises for the purposes of carrying out the boll weevil eradication program in the zone, including mapping of fields, insect monitoring, inspection and treatment functions.

The Foundation will enter fields or premises during reasonable daylight hours for the purposes of mapping, trapping and monitoring for the cotton boll weevil. These activities will be initiated on or about January 1, 2026, and the trapping and monitoring function will continue weekly throughout the year. Treatment for the cotton boll weevil with ultralow-volume malathion or other registered insecticides by air and/or ground equipment will begin on or about March 31, 2026. Inspection and treatment activities will continue during reasonable daylight hours throughout the year, as indicated by trap captures and crop stage, until there is no hostable cotton in the zone.

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To mitigate risk, beekeepers should notify the Foundation of beehive locations near cotton fields. The Foundation will monitor treatments in these locations where bees are present to ensure the security of hives.

For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at (877) 927-6564 or (800) 687-1212.

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