

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 Southern Blacklands 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 January 1, 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.

The Southern Blacklands Eradication Zone consists of all of Anderson, Brazos, Burleson, Freestone, Grimes, Harris, Houston, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Robertson, Walker, Camp, Wood, Upshur, Marion, Harrison, Gregg, Smith, Cherokee, Rusk, Panola, Shelby, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Angelina, Trinity, San Jacinto, Polk, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Hardin, Orange, Jefferson, Chambers, Galveston, Washington, Montgomery, Coryell, Mills, Lampasas, San Saba, Llano, Gillespie, Kendall, Blanco, Burnet, Bell, Williamson, Travis, Hays, Comal, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Fayette, Caldwell, Bastrop, Lee, Milam and Falls Counties; that part of Limestone County south of Highway 84 from the McLennan County line east to the Freestone County line; that part of Waller County north of Highway 159 from the Austin County line north and east to Hempstead, then east on Highway 6/290 to the Harris County line; and that part of McLennan County south of Highway 84.

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 (800) 687-1212.

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