



Cotton Comments

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Crop update

A few fields in Oklahoma has already been harvested with more fields every day (when it does not rain) being treated with harvest aids. Close monitoring of **forecast** and crop conditions need to occur till crop termination.

Harvest Aids

Seth Byrd's Harvest Aid Guide can be downloaded by clicking here.

[2018 Oklahoma Cotton Harvest Aid Guide](#)

Dr J.C. Banks update

Dr. J. C. Banks (former Oklahoma State University Cotton Specialist) suffered a stroke August 25, 2018. According to his daughter Diana, JC will be discharged from the hospital September 28.

Diana says "His speech is becoming more fluent and frequent, and he continues to regain strength and balance. He is progressing at a good rate!"

Our prayers are with him.

Boll Weevil Eradication update

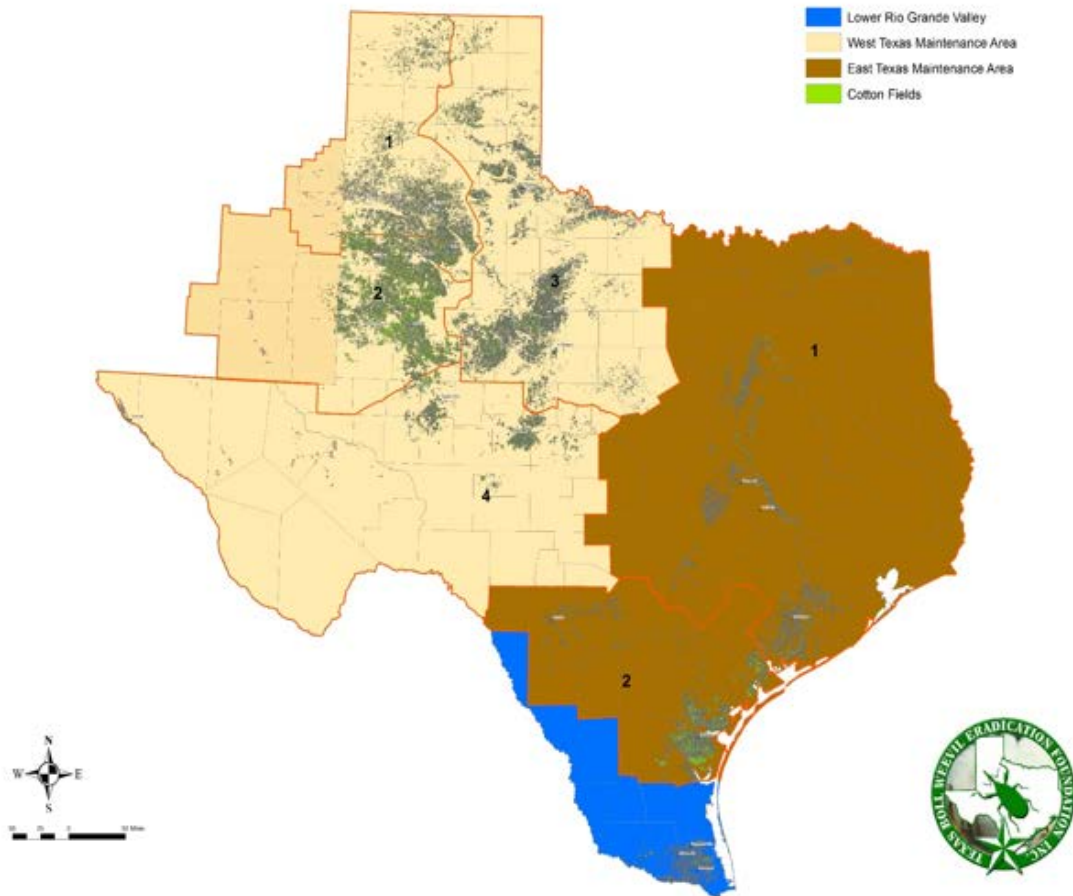
Brenda Osborne became the new Director Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization with the passing of John Henderson.

Brenda is a lifelong resident of Oklahoma. She has been with Boll Weevil Eradication almost since day one. I have known Brenda for over forty years. We know she will do a great job! Probably the only person in Oklahoma who drives more miles than Seth and I.

Brenda wants to remind that eradication of the boll weevil across most of the U.S. Cotton Belt, and in the state has been very successful and is a major contributing factor to the continued profitability of cotton production. It has been a long, difficult, and expensive task to rid our state and most of the Cotton Belt of this invasive species that for such a long time negatively impacted our production. There is still a difficult fight with this insect pest in south Texas, and we all need to do our part in keeping this pest from resurfacing in our state.

Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization Update: Quarantine of Cotton Harvesting Equipment Coming From Certain Areas of Texas

Cotton harvesting equipment entering Oklahoma from two eradication areas in Texas has to be certified as boll weevil free prior to movement into our state. Please contact the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) at least 48 hours in advance of equipment departure from these two areas. This will allow TBWEF to inspect the equipment. A USDA-APHIS phytosanitary certificate is issued and is required before equipment can be transported from these areas. These ONLY include the Lower Rio Grande Valley Eradication Zone (blue area on the map below) or the East Texas Maintenance Area (brown area on the map below). This is critical to meet USDA-APHIS requirements and prevent the re-infestation of boll weevils into eradicated areas. It is illegal to move non-certified cotton harvesting equipment from these areas into the state of Oklahoma.



Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation: 325-672-2800
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Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization:
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