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**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN
THE EL PASO TRANS PECOS ZONE
BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION / PINK BOLLWORM SUPPRESSION 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 El Paso/Trans Pecos Boll Weevil Eradication/Pink Bollworm Suppression Zone that they are required to participate in the boll weevil eradication/pink bollworm suppression program established by referendum for the El Paso/Trans Pecos Zone.

The El Paso Trans Pecos Zone consists of all of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, Loving, Winkler, Crane, Terrell, Crockett and Val Verde counties.

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 March 26, 1999, in the amount and manner approved for the El Paso/Trans Pecos Zone, and (3) compliance with any rules or procedures established by the Texas Department of Agriculture or the Foundation for implementation of the boll weevil eradication/pink bollworm suppression program in the El Paso Trans Pecos 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.