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

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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 Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone that they are required to participate in the eradication program established by referendum for the Southern Rolling Plains Zone.

The Southern Rolling Plains Zone consists of: Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Runnels, Schleicher and Tom Green counties and all land in Taylor County lying west of US Highway 83 from a point beginning at the intersection of US Highway 83 and the South Taylor County line, north to the town of Bradshaw; thence all the land lying south of FM Road 1086, as said FM Road proceeds west and north to the intersection of said FM Road 1086 and US Highway 277, being all that land lying south of said FM Road and east of said US Highway 277 from the intersection of FM Road 1086 and US Highway 277 to the point where US Highway 277 intersects the south boundary line of Taylor County.

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 11, 1998, in the amount and manner approved for the Southern 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 Southern 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.