

TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION, INC.



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Warehouses, Compresses and other Central Collection Points:

On behalf of the cotton producers of Texas, we want to thank you for your help in collecting the 2024 Boll Weevil Eradication Maintenance Fee for cotton produced in the West Texas Maintenance Area (WTMA) and the East Texas Maintenance Area (ETMA). With short crops the last three years, total maintenance fees that fund the eradication effort have been severely reduced. Your work collecting on every bale is critical to helping keep Texas cotton weevil free.

2025 Maintenance Fees

The maintenance fee rates for the 2025 cotton crop remain the same as the 2024 crop. Those rates set by the Commissioner of Agriculture are:

ETMA

For cotton produced in 2025, **ETMA's maintenance fee remains at \$2.00 per bale.**

WTMA

For cotton produced in 2025, **WTMA's maintenance fee remains at \$1.00 per bale.**

Enclosed you will find a map (Attachment A) showing the two Texas maintenance areas as well as a listing of counties located in each maintenance area (Attachments B and C). The maintenance fees should be included in the tariff or schedule of fees, but by law must be collected on all bales produced in the respective maintenance area. Sample tariff language is included in Attachment D.

Maintenance Fees Collected at First Central Collection Point

In accordance with the law, maintenance fees shall be collected at the first central collection points that receive and ship cotton produced in the maintenance area. Central collection points include all cotton warehouses, cotton compresses and other venues collecting harvested and ginned cotton that was produced within a maintenance area. Central collection point shall include a cotton gin **only** when:

- a) The cotton in question ships directly from the gin to a user or exporter of cotton, and is not stored at a domestic warehouse or compress, and then only for those bales that ship directly; or
- b) When a cotton gin agrees to serve as a central collection point.

The “first handler” warehouse is responsible for collecting the maintenance fee on all bales grown in a maintenance area. However, if a bale was ginned at a location acting as the central collection point, the warehouse will not be required to collect the maintenance fee as long as reasonable evidence can be provided that the fee was collected at the gin.

If a bale is ginned at a location not acting as a central collection point, the first warehouse that receives the bale is obligated to collect the maintenance fee. If the bale is later shipped to another warehouse as a result of “reconstitution” or any other reason, the subsequent warehouse is not responsible for collecting maintenance fees provided the warehouse is in possession of commercially reasonable evidence showing a prior warehouse has already remitted the maintenance fee.

Remittance Dates

Maintenance fees are due to the Foundation by March 1, 2026, on all bales sold and shipped, and the tariff paid, by February 15, 2026. Fees on bales shipped by May 15th are due June 1st and bales shipped by September 15th are due to the Foundation by October 1st.

The following table summarizes shipping cutoff dates and the corresponding remittance dates for the year’s maintenance fees.

Bale Shipped Cutoff Date	Remittance Due Date
February 15, 2026	March 1, 2026
May 15, 2026	June 1, 2026
September 15, 2026	October 1, 2026

Remittance Forms

Copies of ETMA and the WTMA remittance forms are enclosed for your convenience (Attachments E and F). Additional copies of these forms and other maintenance fee information can be found at <https://www.txbollweevil.org/tma.html>.

Refunds

In the event a central collection point collects and remits a maintenance fee on cotton bales that were NOT produced in a Texas maintenance area, the cotton producer should submit a refund request to the Foundation along with support documentation showing that the fee was paid on cotton produced outside a maintenance area. Upon receipt of the refund request and adequate supporting documentation, the Foundation will issue a maintenance fee refund to the producer.

The formation of maintenance areas has been very successful, a success owed in large part to the cooperation shown by the Warehouses, Compresses and other central collection points. Transitioning to the maintenance area model is critical to the continued success of boll weevil eradication efforts in Texas and to the protection of the \$1.3 billion investment made by Texas cotton growers and the state and federal legislatures.

The Foundation and TDA are committed to making the administration of the collection process of maintenance fees as simple and effective as possible. We appreciate your help in making this program more efficient for our state's cotton producers.

Please feel free to contact Texas Boll Weevil Eradication at 325-672-2800 with any questions you might have.

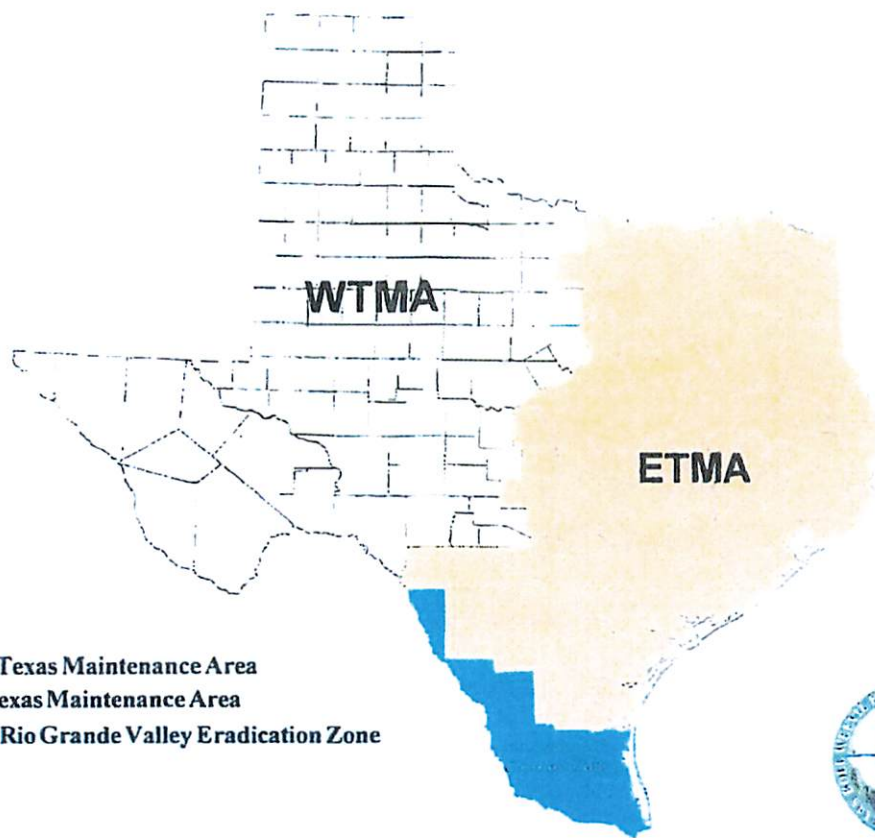
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindy Patton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lindy Patton
President and CEO

Attachments

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation



WTMA - West Texas Maintenance Area
ETMA - East Texas Maintenance Area
LRGV - Lower Rio Grande Valley Eradication Zone



East Texas Maintenance Area County Listing

Anderson	Galveston	McMullen	Walker
Angelina	Gillespie	Madison	Waller
Aransas	Goliad	Marion	Washington
Atascosa	Gonzales	Matagorda	Wharton
Austin	Grayson	Medina	Williamson
Bastrop	Gregg	Milam	Wilson
Bee	Grimes	Mills	Wise
Bell	Guadalupe	Montague	Wood
Bexar	Hamilton	Montgomery	Zavala
Blanco	Hardin	Morris	
Bosque	Harris	Nacogdoches	
Bowie	Harrison	Navarro	
Brazoria	Hays	Newton	
Brazos	Henderson	Nueces	
Burleson	Hill	Orange	
Burnet	Hood	Panola	
Caldwell	Hopkins	Parker	
Calhoun	Houston	Polk	
Camp	Hunt	Rains	
Cass	Jack	Red River	
Chambers	Jackson	Refugio	
Cherokee	Jasper	Robertson	
Collin	Jefferson	Rockwall	
Colorado	Jim Wells	Rusk	
Comal	Johnson	Sabine	
Cooke	Karnes	San Augustine	
Coryell	Kaufman	San Jacinto	
Dallas	Kendall	San Patricio	
Delta	Kinney	San Saba	
Denton	Kleberg	Shelby	
Dewitt	Lamar	Smith	
Dimmitt	Lampasas	Somervell	
Duval	La Salle	Tarrant	
Ellis	Lavaca	Titus	
Falls	Lee	Travis	
Fannin	Leon	Trinity	
Fayette	Liberty	Tyler	
Fort Bend	Limestone	Upshur	
Franklin	Live Oak	Uvalde	
Freestone	Llano	Van Zandt	
Frio	McLennan	Victoria	

West Texas Maintenance Area County Listing

Andrews
Archer
Armstrong
Bailey
Bandera
Baylor
Borden
Brewster
Briscoe
Brown
Callahan
Carson
Castro
Childress
Clay
Cochran
Coke
Coleman
Collingsworth
Comanche
Concho
Cottle
Crane
Crockett
Crosby
Culberson
Dallam
Dawson
Deaf Smith
Dickens
Donley
Eastland
Ector
Edwards
El Paso
Erath
Fisher
Floyd
Foard
Gaines
Garza
Glasscock
Gray
Hale
Hall
Hansford
Hardeman
Hartley
Haskell
Hemphill
Hockley

Howard
Hudspeth
Hutchinson
Irion
Jeff Davis
Jones
Kent
Kerr
Kimble
King
Knox
Lamb
Lipscomb
 Loving
Lubbock
Lynn
Martin
Mason
McCulloch
Menard
Midland
Mills
Mitchell
Moore
Motley
Nolan
Ochiltree
Oldham
Palo Pinto
Parmer
Pecos
Potter
Presidio
Randall
Reagan
Real
Reeves
Roberts
Runnels
Schlesinger
Scurry
Shackelford
Sherman
Stephens
Sterling
Stonewall
Sutton
Swisher
Taylor
Tarrant
Terry

Throckmorton
Tom Green
Upton
Val Verde
Ward
Wheeler
Wichita
Wilbarger
Winkler
Yoakum
Young

Suggested Tariff Language

- 1. **Receiving**, includes tagging, weighing, issuing warehouse receipts, etc. \$4.25
Includes collection of fees for producers to:
 - TBWEF West Texas Maintenance Fee..... \$1.00
 - TBWEF East Texas Maintenance Fee..... \$2.00
 - Other producer dues/fees..... \$0.25

- 2. **Storage**, including....

Potential “Tariff Provisions” Inserts

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation maintenance fee has been deducted from the sales proceeds of this bale/these bales.

All cotton grown in the West Texas Maintenance Area or the East Texas Maintenance Area is subject to the maintenance fee for the Maintenance Area from which it is produced.

For details regarding the rules, a map/listing of counties, see www.txbollweevil.org or call the Foundation at 800-687-1212.

Maintenance fee rules can be found at: Texas Administrative Code, Title 4, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter K; 4 TAC 3.700-3.711.

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East Texas Maintenance Area (ETMA) Maintenance Fee Remittance Form

Warehouse/Gin Name						Mailing Address				
Name of Contact				Title		City		State	Zip Code	
Signature of Contact				Date Submitted		Email			Phone	
NOTE: Bales reported on this form are subject to TDA/TBWEF audit.						Questions – contact TBWEF Assessment Department 325-672-2800				
Year of Bale Production (Please report each year's bales on a different row)	Shipped Sept 15 th - Feb 15 th Remittance Due Date Mar 1 st	Shipped Feb 16 th - May 15 th Remittance Due Date June 1 st	Shipped May 16 th - Sept 14 th Remittance Due Date Oct 1 st	Total Bales Received	Total NON-ETMA Bales Received	Total ETMA Bales Received	Total ETMA Bales Shipped	Rate per Bale	Total Due to TX Boll Weevil (bales shipped x rate)	
2017								3.00		
2018								2.00		
2019								2.00		
2020								2.00		
2021								2.00		
2022								2.00		
2023								2.00		
2023								2.00		
2024								2.00		
2025								2.00		
Totals										

Please attach supporting documents, including information/reports verifying where NON-ETMA bales were produced.
Remit check payment to Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, PO Box 5089, Abilene, TX 79608.

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West Texas Maintenance Area (WTMA) Maintenance Fee Remittance Form

Warehouse/Gin Name					Mailing Address				
Name of Contact			Title		City		State	Zip Code	
Signature of Contact			Date Submitted		Email			Phone	
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2016								1.00	
2017								1.00	
2018								1.00	
2019								1.00	
2020								1.00	
2021								1.00	
2022								1.00	
2023								1.00	
2024								1.00	
2025								1.00	
Totals									

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