



Boll Weevil Bugle

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Board selects Danny Kiser to be acting executive director of Program

Daniel W. Kiser has been named acting executive director of the Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. That decision was made by the Foundation Board during its meeting of Nov. 19.

Danny has been director of operations for the Arkansas Program since July 2000. He will fill the new acting position until a permanent successor is named to replace executive director Doug Ladner.

Doug in August announced his retirement, effective January 2003.

Danny joined the Arkansas Program to lead field operations on approximately 1.1 million acres of cotton. In that role he has had overall responsibility for the work of approximately 400 people who work in the state's four active eradication zones.

Danny is familiar to many growers and others in the state's agricultural community. The Board believes that his knowledge of the state and the Program will help assure a smooth leadership transition in 2003.

We look forward to working with Danny, the rest of the Program staff and with cotton growers to continue the job of eradicating the boll weevil in Arkansas. We appear to be making real progress. Overall, our trappers found significantly lower weevil populations this season in every active eradication zone.

It is important that we go into the 2003 season fully prepared to continue the work, and Danny will help make that happen.

When he joined the Arkansas Program, Danny had been associate program director and entomologist for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation since June 1999. He joined the Texas Program as staff entomologist in 1997. He has additional experience as an entomological consultant, farmer and cattle rancher.

Danny earned bachelor's and master's degrees in entomology from Texas Tech in 1971 and 1972, respectively. He has done additional study in the graduate doctoral entomology program at Texas A&M University.

Doug Ladner has been executive director of the Arkansas Program since November 1998, after a 36-year career with the USDA. Doug decided to retire to have more time for family and personal interests.

Please give Danny and the Program your support as we work together for the cotton industry in Arkansas.

Perry Stratton, Board Chairman, ABWEP

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