



Boll Weevil Bugle

A Newsletter for the Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Program

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Trapping Protocols Set for 2004 Season

Trapping protocols for all zones have been approved by the ABWEP Technical Advisory Committee based upon weevil trap captures in each area. Traps are monitored by the ABWEP field staff according to the following:

Southwest Zone: As the Southwest Zone completes eradication, trap spacing has been set at 1 trap per 900 feet around the perimeter of each field. We are using new 25 mg grandlure with a three-week effective rate in the pheromone dispensers. Traps will be checked once every three weeks and kill strips changed every three weeks. However, full trapping will take place at one trap per every 300-350 feet on fields adjacent to the Texas and Louisiana borders. If one or two weevils are captured in areas with the one trap per 900 feet density, trappings may be increased to one trap per 300 feet, as determined by program personnel.

Southeast Zone: Traps will be placed at one trap per 300 feet in areas where the fall weevil captures were greater than .01 per trap or in fields that are within one mile of suspected weevil populations. Traps will be inspected weekly, pheromone dispensers changed weekly, and kill strips changed every four weeks.

In those areas where fall weevil captures were less than .01 per trap, traps will be spaced at one trap per 900 feet. Traps will be inspected weekly, pheromone dispensers changed weekly and kill strips changed every four weeks. However, if one or two weevils are captured in these areas at any time, trapping density may be increased to one trap per 300 feet, as determined by program personnel.

Central Zone: Traps will be placed at one trap per 300 feet in areas where the fall weevil captures were greater than .01 per trap or in fields that are within

one mile of suspected weevil populations. Traps will be inspected weekly, pheromone dispensers changed weekly, and kill strips changed every four weeks.

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Ridge Zone: Trap spacings will be one trap per 300 feet around the perimeter of each field. Traps will be inspected weekly, pheromone dispensers changed weekly, and kill strips changed every four weeks.

Northeast Delta Zone: Trap spacings will be one trap per 300 feet around the perimeter of each field. Traps will be inspected weekly, pheromone dispensers changed weekly, and kill strips changed every four weeks.

Arnold Named ABWEP Chairman

Ritter Arnold, president of E. Ritter & Company of Marked Tree, was recently named Chairman of the Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. He succeeds Perry Stratton of Pine Bluff. Trent Felton of Marianna was named Vice Chairman.



Ritter Arnold

From the Chairman **Moving Forward in 2004**

Following one of the best years we've ever experienced in Arkansas cotton in 2003, your ABWEP is very optimistic about the 2004 season and the tremendous progress we have all made together over the years. We continue to record lower weevil populations in those zones that have mature programs and are seeing the numbers drop in the newer zones. With the Southwest Zone considered in full eradication and two other zones nearing that goal, we are moving forward towards our target of eliminating this destructive and costly pest, not only in Arkansas but in the United States. Everyone who grows cotton stands to gain from this program and it is through your foresight and vigilance that we have achieved these results.

I am pleased to be your new Chairman of the Foundation and I serve with an outstanding group of directors on your Board, all highly experienced in the cotton industry. At this time, I want to salute the past Chairman, Perry Stratton of Pine Bluff. Perry's outstanding leadership has guided your program through some of its most challenging times and we all owe him our thanks and appreciation. In addition, I'd like to thank Trent Felton of Marianna for accepting the position of Vice Chairman of the Foundation Board. Trent has been active

in cotton farming and ginning for over 25 years and has served in leadership positions in many of the agriculture and cotton organizations in Arkansas. We are pleased to have his continued guidance on the Board.

As always, I want to keep you informed of the situation on the lawsuit filed against the State Plant Board by several growers in the Northeast Delta Zone. As you know, Circuit Judge Jay Moody ruled in favor of the Plant Board on all counts in April. Recently, those growers filed an appeal with the state Supreme Court to have the lower court ruling overturned. This was not unexpected and we feel confident that the Supreme Court will uphold Judge Moody's ruling. Judge Moody has ordered that the \$2.4 million in assessments from the Northeast Delta Zone for 2003 continue to be set aside pending the outcome of the appeal. This, also, was not unexpected.

I want to assure you that the Delta Zone program will continue and the ABWEP has planned ahead for options on funding the program in the Delta Zone should these assessments be held for an extended period of time. Your Foundation Board is in the process of reviewing all options that will be in the best interest of all Arkansas cotton growers to continue this valuable program. We will not give up and continue to appreciate your encouragement and support.



Treatment Criteria for 2004

Fields catching weevils will be treated with ULV Malathion based upon the following boll weevil population thresholds in specified areas.

Percentage of Fields Catching Weevils	Trigger	Action
Less than 3% of fields catching	1 weevil/field	Spray all fields surrounding the field where the weevil was captured, plus 5-day automatic respray
3 to 5% of fields catching	1 weevil/field	Spray field and all surrounding fields
6 to 10% of fields catching	1 weevil/field	Spray only adjacent fields to field where weevil was captured
11 to 20% of fields catching	2 weevils /field	Spray adjacent fields to field where weevil was captured
Greater than 20% of fields catching	2 weevils/field	Spray adjacent 40 acres

ABWEP Named Lane Garner As Chief Financial Officer/Controller

Lane Garner, CPA, has been named Chief Financial Officer and Controller of your statewide Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Program, according to Danny Kiser, Executive Director. In this position, Garner will provide overall management and direction in financial and accounting aspects of the program, make monthly financial presentations to the Board of Directors and be responsible for designing and monitoring internal controls. In addition, he will oversee and manage the accounting team and ensure compliance with legal and regulatory standards.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Garner was previously a manager with Thomas & Thomas CPAs of Little Rock, one of Arkansas' largest accounting firms providing auditing, consulting and tax services. Before that, he was the Audit and Business Advisory Manager with Arthur Andersen LLP, also in Little Rock.

He received his CPA license in 1996 and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



Lane Garner

Early Trappings Show Trend for 2004 Season

Preliminary weevil captures in all zones show that your program is making significant progress in reducing weevil populations. Be sure and check the ABWEP web site at www.arkansasweevil.org for up-to-date trapping information each week.

We continue to see elevated weevil counts in the Northeast Ridge Zone. However, these numbers are reduced due to the diapause program implemented in the Northeast Delta Zone last fall. As expected, the Delta Zone continues to show the highest numbers as they enter their first full year of the program and we expect to see these numbers reduce significantly in 2004.

As of May 13, field trap deployment is about 70% complete statewide. Trap inspections began in the early fields the week of May 18 and will be followed by the later fields over the next several weeks.

Traplines were deployed in all zones by the first week of April. The number of weevils trapped per zone through the week ending May 7, 2004 are listed below:

Southwest Zone

0 weevils

Southeast Zone

Pine Bluff – 1

Kelso – 0

Portland – 0

Total – 1

Central Zone

Forrest City – 0

Marvell – 0

Total – 0

Northeast Ridge Zone

Trumann – 1

Rector – 2

Total – 3

Northeast Delta Zone

Leachville – 52

Osceola – 24

Total - 76

Growers Comment on ABWEP Benefits

Following one of the best years ever for Arkansas cotton growers, we asked growers in Zones that are at or near eradication to comment on the benefits they've experienced from the Program. Their comments centered on increased yields and reduced spraying expenses to the professionalism of the ABWEP field staff. Here are just a few of their comments:

Andrew Whisenhunt — "I've had some of the best yields and fruit set I've ever had in my 50 years of growing cotton and I credit the ABWEP for that. Our insect cost is almost nothing. We've treated for a few bugs but we haven't put out a hard treatment for any insect. One field in 2002 picked four bales per acre."

Kevin Blagg — "My yield has increased 220 pounds per acre so it's been well worth my money. We're seeing increased lint in later planted crops. Before the Program, we were spraying every five to seven days in August and the first part of September to try and protect our top crop, especially in a late crop. The field staff has also been very professional at my farm."

William Day — "2002 and 2003 were the best years I've ever had in 40 years of growing cotton."

Mike Norris — "The Program has cut our boll weevil population way down, especially in one of the hottest spots I have. The weevils didn't get our top crop so we saw an increase in yield. It also cut down on what we normally spend on controlling weevils. I definitely think you'll see a whole bunch more acres of cotton planted in Arkansas."

Let Us Hear From You

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Program or our activities on your land, please contact your Field Supervisor (FS) immediately. If you need more information after that, we urge you to contact the ABWEP District Supervisor (DS) in your area. After that, if the DS is not able to help you to your satisfaction, please call the state office in Little Rock. There is a list of ABWEP employees on our web site at www.arkansasweevil.org for your convenience. Any time you have questions or concerns, please call our office in a timely manner so we can help you promptly.

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