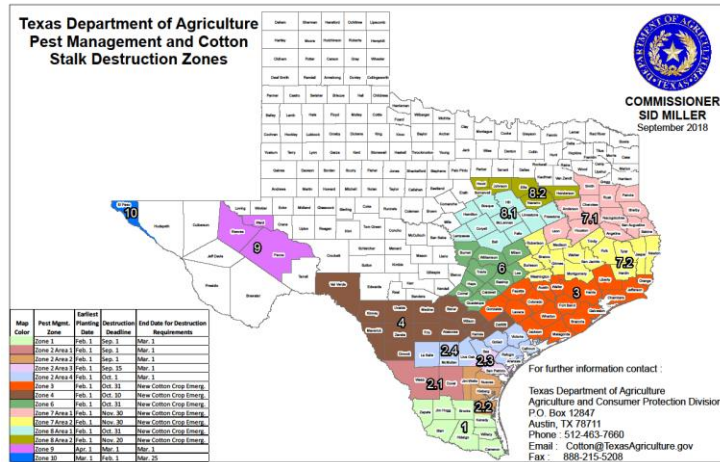


## Zone 3 Cotton Stalk Destruction Deadline October 31

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A recent recommendation for a change to the Zone 3 pest management zone was considered by the Texas Department of agriculture, as approved by a majority vote of the Zone 3 Cotton Producer Advisory Committee. This change in Zone 3 and the respective cotton stalk destruction date became effective on September 13, 2018. These changes are reflected in the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 20 Cotton Pest Control [http://texasagriculture.gov/Portals/0/images/ACP/Cotton/Ch20Cotton\\_2018-09-13.pdf](http://texasagriculture.gov/Portals/0/images/ACP/Cotton/Ch20Cotton_2018-09-13.pdf)

The Zone 3 Pest Management and Cotton Stalk Destruction Zone now comprises the following Texas Counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Orange, Waller and Wharton. The cotton stalk destruction date for these Zone 3 counties is **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. The mission of the Cotton Stalk Destruction program is to suppress boll weevil and pink bollworm populations in Texas. For more details on the TDA Cotton Stalk Destruction regulatory program go to <http://www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/CottonStalkDestruction.aspx> From the destruction deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup> until the end date for destruction requirements (new cotton crop emergence), all cotton plants in Pest Management Zone 3 shall be non-hostable.



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