

## **TDA Blanket Extension of Cotton Stalk Destruction Deadline for Pest Management Zone 3**

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Early this morning I received information from TDA regarding a cotton stalk destruction extension to the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for Zone 3. I want to pass this along to our cotton industry in a timely manner.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has received written requests to extend the cotton stalk destruction deadline for Zone 3. This requests has come from the Cotton Producer Advisory Committee for Zone 3.

**After consideration of this request the Department has decided to grant the cotton stalk destruction deadline extension for all of Pest Management Zone 3 until November 17, 2018.**

Pest Management Zone 3 consists of Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Matagorda, Orange, Waller, and Wharton counties.

### **Basis for Extension**

Pest Management Zone 3 has received repeated above average rainfall for the last several weeks and current weather predictions indicate additional rainfall, which will continue to delay field operations.

### **Authority**

Section 20.22 of the Texas Administrative Code provides that the Department may grant a blanket extension of the destruction deadline covering an entire cotton stalk destruction zone or a portion of an entire zone under certain circumstances.

Attached, please find the Department's Blanket Extension Summary Table for your information. The following link shows the cotton stalk destruction map with zones and destruction deadlines.

<http://texasagriculture.gov/Portals/0/images/ACP/Cotton/CSD%20Zones%20300%20dpi.pdf>