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COTTON GROWERS TO RECEIVE REBATE FROM ARKANSAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION



The Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation authorized a \$1 per acre rebate to cotton growers for crops reported in 2023 during a board meeting, accounting for a \$485,730 total payout.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (March 6, 2024) – The Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (ABWEF) board of directors voted Wednesday, February 7 to authorize the distribution of a \$1 per acre cash rebate to growers for reported 2023 cotton acres registered with the [Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Program](#). A total payout of \$485,730 will be returned to Arkansas cotton growers.

“Production agriculture has never been more expensive and financially burdensome on the growers than it is today,” said [Joe Mencer](#), a grower from Chicot County and ABWEF Chairman. “We’re pleased to support the grower in this way to alleviate some of those financial pressures and return their money to their pockets.”

“The board is committed to the stewardship and effective use of the dollars we’re entrusted with to reduce expenses while maintaining exceptional service,” said Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Executive Director [Regina Coleman](#). “This rebate is another way we support our growers and protect their bottom lines.”

The Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (ABWEF) [began](#) eradication operations in Arkansas in 1997, making annual expansions that ultimately grew to include all cotton-producing [areas](#) in the state

over time. ABWEF successfully eradicated the boll weevil in Arkansas in 2008. Since then, ABWEF continues to operate under a maintenance program monitoring the state for the presence of boll weevils, which is entirely a prevention effort.

Learn [more](#) about ABWEF and its mission to protect the Arkansas cotton industry, at ABWEP.org.

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ABOUT ARKANSAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM

The Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Program is implemented by the Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, an Arkansas nonprofit corporation. The program's operations are overseen by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture. For more information, visit ABWEP.org.