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FALL CLEAN-UP TO CONTROL COTTON  
BOLL WEEVIL

Pointed Facts About the Weevil

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1. Weevils that develop late in the fall are most likely to live until spring.
2. The weevil becomes inactive about the time of the first killing frost.
3. While in the inactive winter state the weevil can live for several months without food.
4. Weevil infestation starts from the few weevils that pass the winter.
5. Boll weevils breed only in green squares and bolls.
6. Boll weevils eat green cotton only.
7. Killing cotton growth early removes the food of the weevil. If the growth of cotton is entirely killed as early as two weeks before frosts, practically all weevils will starve before going into winter quarters.
8. Killing cotton growth early also prevents new weevils breeding, thereby permitting only the older ones to enter winter quarters. Very few of these have enough strength to live until spring.

Hit The Weevil In His Weak Spot: His Food Supply

9. Destroy all cotton growth just as soon as picking is complete.
10. Kill the plant entirely by setting a plow shallow and turning out the stalks, or by some equally effective means. Merely chopping or clipping the stalks will not answer for the stumps will throw out new growth ideal for weevil food.
11. Do not burn crop refuse on the fields. Texas farms need this material returned to the soil in the form of humus.
12. Your clean-up will help your neighbor just as his clean-up will help you. You can't succeed without your neighbor. Profitable control demands community-wide cooperation.

Let Your 13th Point  
Spell Disaster  
To  
Mr. Boll Weevil---  
**ACTION!**