

Table 1: Normal (and extended) Cotton Stalk Destruction Deadlines, Earliest Planting Dates for each Pest Management Zone (and its Areas), as of 09/01/2026.

Zone (& Area)	Earliest Planting Date	Cotton Stalk Destruction		
		Normal Deadline	Extended Deadline (if any)	End Date for Destruction Requirements
Zone 1	February 1	September 1	• none	March 1
Zone 2,	February 1	September 1	• none	March 1
Zone 3,	February 1	October 31	• none	New Cotton Crop Emergence
Zone 4	February 1	October 15	• none	New Cotton Crop Emergence
Zone 5	February 1	October 31	• none	New Cotton Crop Emergence
Zone 6	February 1	November 30	• none	New Cotton Crop Emergence
Zone 7,	February 1	November 20	• none	New Cotton Crop Emergence
Zone 8,	February 1	March 1	• none	March 1
Zone 9	March 1	February 1	• none	March 25