

## ARTICLE 3. ARIZONA COTTON RESEARCH AND PROTECTION COUNCIL

### R3-9-303. Weather Related Extensions

#### A. Definitions.

1. “Council” means the Arizona Cotton Research and Protection Council.
2. “Qualifying weather event” means substantial interference with post-harvest activities to detach the cotton root from the soil caused by significant rain or moisture or by sustained winds within an established PM10 nonattainment area.

#### B. A cotton producer may request an extension of the tillage deadline in R3-4-204(E) based on a qualifying weather event that has delayed or prevented compliance.

#### C. A cotton producer requesting an extension shall submit the following information to the Council Staff Director:

1. The producer’s name, address, and telephone number;
2. The registered Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm names of the farms for which the extension is requested;
3. The legal description of the fields or an accurate scale farm map of the fields for which the extension is requested;
4. A detailed description of the qualifying weather events supporting the extension request, including the dates of the events;
5. The number of days requested as an extension of the tillage deadline; and
6. The estimated date of completion.

#### D. Submission Deadline.

1. Extension requests shall be postmarked a minimum of one business day prior to the tillage deadline.
2. Extension requests that are illegible or missing information required by subsection (C) shall be considered incomplete and returned to the requestor with a written explanation of the deficiencies. Corrected extension requests shall also be postmarked a minimum of one business day prior to the tillage deadline.

#### E. Administrative Review.

1. The Council Staff Director may amend, grant or deny a request for extension based on the information provided and any other relevant information available, including but not limited to data collected from meteorological sources, staff recommendations, field notes and photographs.
2. The criteria considered for extension requests shall include, as relevant and without limitation, the amount of precipitation, the soil type(s), and harvest or tillage management decisions related to the tillage deadline or estimated date of compliance.
3. The Council Staff Director shall issue a written notice granting or denying an extension request within ten business days of receipt of a complete request. Decisions of the Council Staff Director shall be made available to the Council for review and action at the Council’s next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### F. Blanket Extensions. The Council, by vote, may authorize a blanket weather-related extension for a county, cultural zone or a subset of either based on an area-wide qualifying weather event or events.