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and Parmer
Counties, from
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Western High Plains Crop Update

When it rains it pours?

Not to be too much of a weatherman, but I did want to speak about the rainfall we did receive, it having a direct correlation with the crops' situation.

Wheat in the area is all but finished with a few fields yet to be harvested for wheatlage. I would estimate that 95% of the wheat out as silage cutters and semi traffic begins to slow down in the area. At the beginning of the week they were still in full swing, with the drought just recently being broken these acres were greatly diminished this year.

Corn in the area is off to a fair start despite the high winds and blowing dirt in the area. Stages range from planted to V-5 in some areas of Castro county. Remember that with these beat up leaves we still have the ability to easily recover from these ripped up leaves. Remember that the growing point for corn is still under the soil surface up to V-5. Even if it didn't have this going for it, corn can take much more damage than early cotton.

Sorghum in the tri-county area is going in slowly as some saw a favorable contract and it will compliment the other half of the field in some situations.

With this latest storm many are forced to go into a later planting of sorghum in behind failed out cotton in the area as adjusters make their rounds. I would like to make available the opportunity of having a variety trial in the area. The plots would be 1,000 foot long in total would be 46 rows wide. Katrian Horn Crop Testing Program Coordinator with TAMU is attempting to put one out this way. Her crew would do the planting and harvest of these plots and the producer would be in charge of everything else. If you are potentially interested or would like to see a variety list give me an email back or a call on my cell!

I would like to invite everyone to check out their County's Facebook pages for updates on local events and actives!

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Cotton in the area did take that same beating that the corn took and resulted in blow out situations. In some cases replant is an option going back into cotton and can be a viable crop for us. Understand that the shortened season resulting in this will have lower grades on the back side of the season as we will expect lower mic when it comes time to run it through the gin. Thrips are still a concern for many of us as cotton stages range from a replant situation all the way to 3 true leaves.



The rainfall in some cases did knock the **thrips** populations down to a less than economically damaging level **but did not knock them out**. Situations where an application was made before the rain, your application was not wasted. The residual effects of thrips control last about 3 days. After this thrips need time to build populations back up. Plant could out pace the threat!



I hope with this last shot of precipitation we broke the drought and we can catch a few calmer systems to help push us through this season. Y'all stay safe out there.