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## Western High Plains Crop Update

### Over Halfway through June!!

Welcome all to the fifth edition of the Western High Plains Newsletter, got a lot going on out in the field, still feels slow. Compared to last year at this time it seems like we were much better off with accumulation of rainfall as well as stage. Seems like everything was a bit easier and cheaper last year.

Start off with **Sorghum** first this time, crop is looking just fine if it was a first planted situation. Stages range from emergence to V-5 in some spots. Still much to go in, I would estimate 20% is still to go in through the three counties.

Know what SCA tolerance you have if any going into the year, check on availability of chemical to control Sugarcane Aphid if you do not have a “Tolerant variety”. I wont say resistant due to no perfect variety, but I will say that some varieties last year acted almost like a refuge block in that 1/50 plants had significant pressure and the other 49 had 2 or 3. No need to spray if this is the case as it wasn’t economical. Sorghum midge and headworm are also big problems when going for grain. If you would like to discuss thresholds and chemical options give me a shout! When we get a little closer to heading I will share the calculator Monti developed a couple years ago!

If you find SCA shoot me a picture, trying to win a bet with the previous IPM agent, we can split the winnings.

**Corn** in the area, ranges from planted to V-7, yes some was just planted in the area this late. Still have a lot of time to make up that ground and cut for silage. With prices the way they are 90 day corn is very appealing, getting away with a 110 day is harder of course. Need to have the water to it as we aren’t getting any help from mother nature. Haven’t seen foliar feeding yet, I expect to in this coming week.

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

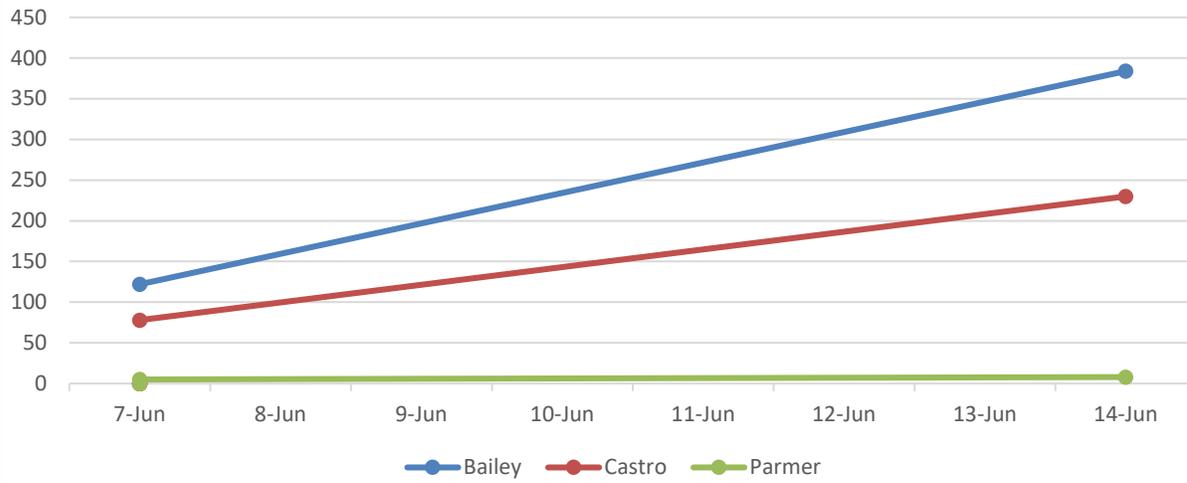
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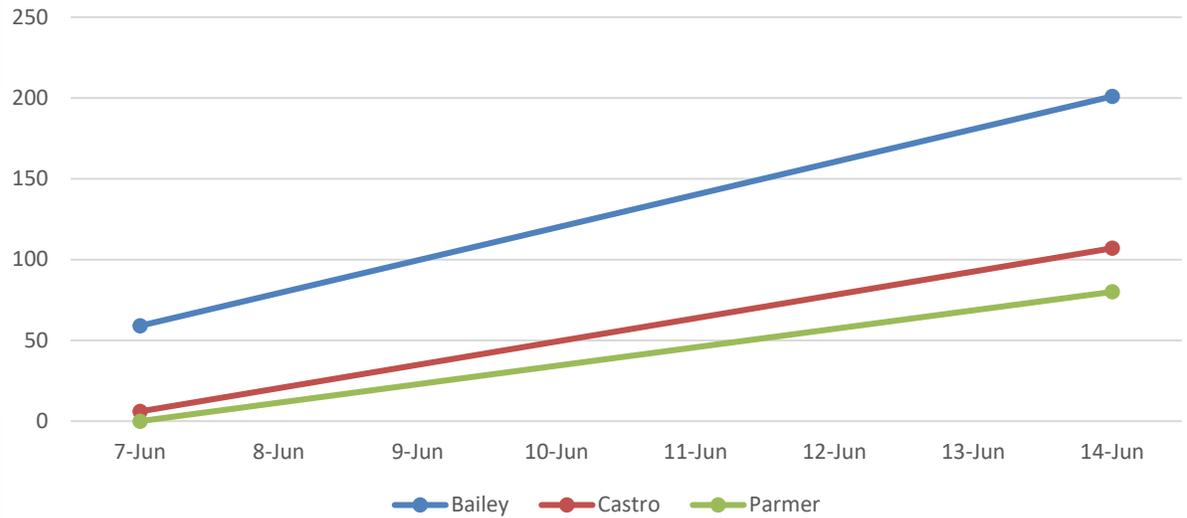
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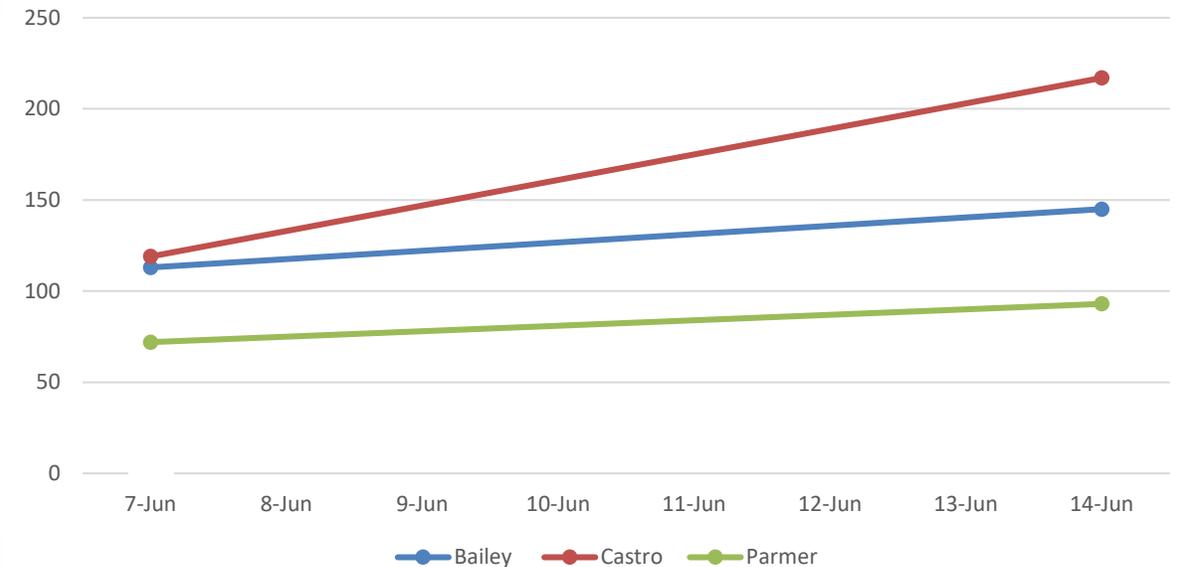
### Fall Armyworm Counts



### Southwestern Corn Borer Counts



### Corn Ear Worm Moth Counts



Second week of Moth trapping, its telling us just a bit, watch those numbers on the Y-axis as they change greatly. Big increases in the FAW traps as those populations rise we could see some foliage feeding in corn and sorghum in the coming week.



**Cotton** in the area ranges in stage from replant situations still coming up and pushing through the soil surface to ¼ grown squares in some spots. This past weekend with extended periods of heat the crop really took off if you had some water on it and didn't burn it up. Thrips are starting to slow down significantly as they do every year. If you have 5> still be on the look out for them as they can draw back the plant and put it weeks behind in some cases. Thrips will never kill a plant but they will stunt that plant, drawing it back.



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to really set the tone for the year. After that its really all about the inner node length, keep that plant's inner nodes under 1" to keep it working tword the ultimate goal of yeild vs growth.

Disease is very limited in the area as (you need moisture to bring disease) that being said there were some germination issues that can be blamed on various diseases.

PGR's are going out slowly to start but will definitely pick up this coming week. As a first shot I like to go with 2 oz at Match-head

Off to a rough start, its going but its going slow. Keep at it, call with questions or concerns!!

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