

PEST MANAGEMENT NEWS

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Cotton

Cotton fields range in maturity from 4-6 leaf cotton to early bloom. We should continue to scout fields for cotton fleahopper and begin to watch for Verde Plant Bugs (*Creontiades*) and stink bugs after bloom.



Cotton fleahoppers are being found at treatable levels in some fields but in many fields the numbers have declined over the past week. This is the result of effective insecticide treatment and/or reduced migration of adults into the field from adjacent wild hosts. We have found fleahopper populations ranging from 0-35 fleahoppers per 100 plants. The treatment threshold is 10-15 cotton fleahoppers per 100 plants.



Grain Sorghum



Sorghum Midge

Grain Sorghum fields range from near flag leaf to bloom. Sorghum in bloom should be monitored for sorghum midge and rice stink bugs. I have not seen midge yet but the numbers should be increasing.

We are finding rice stink bugs in numbers of 0-20 per 100 heads. As mentioned last week we have also been finding them in the grass growing in field margins. Thus far populations have not reached economic threshold (1 per 3 heads).

We are looking for locations for insecticide trials on rice stink bugs, headworms and Verde Plant Bug (*Creontiades*). Let me know if you have a field that we can use for this purpose. I only need about 1 acre and can restrict the test to 12-24 rows on the edge of a field.

Soybeans

While there are fewer acres of soybeans this year, those who are growing them should scout the fields for stink bugs when pods are found on the plants. We are looking at a few fields and plants range from 3-4 trifoliates (V-3) to early pod (R3). Thus far, we have only found stink bugs in low numbers. Treatment should be considered when the stink bug population exceeds 36/100 sweeps or 1 per 1-3 feet of row with a beat sheet.





2012 CROP TOUR SCHEDULE

JUNE 13, 2012

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