

## MID-COAST IPM NEWS

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# CROP STATUS

Good rain fell across the area yesterday and more possible this weekend. This should set most of the crops for better yields as well as provide a better environment for insect survival. Maintain a close watch on the pest insects.

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applications may not be economical if most of the plants are not blooming. Additionally, you may be able to treat portions of the field. Since the insect is a weak flier, inspect the side of fields with the prevailing wind and walk across the field with the wind to determine how far midge have moved into the field.

### **Soybeans**

Soybeans continue to bloom and some fields are into pod fill. Stinkbugs are beginning to be found in fields at relatively low populations (2-10 per 100 sweeps). Most of these are either green or brown stinkbugs.

I do not think that soybean rust will be an issue this year. The weather is getting too hot and rust has not been found east of Georgia.

### **Cotton**

Some fields will begin to bloom within the next week. The scouts are finding fleahoppers and aphids in area fields. I am finding fleahoppers in widely varying populations (0-48 per 100 plants). While many fields may require treatment, some fields have sub-threshold populations and do not need insecticide applications.

Aphids are being found in portions of a few fields. If you are treating for fleahoppers, you may want to use a product that will also control aphids such as Intruder or Centric.

### **Grain Sorghum**

Sorghum is beginning to bloom and should be monitored for sorghum midge. According to Dr. Parker, treatment of midge should be made when populations exceed 0.75 – 1 midge per head. However, you should consider how much of the field is blooming and where the midge are being found. Early

### **TAM-CC Research and Extension Center Field Day Tuesday, June 21, 2005**

On Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 AM, registration will commence for the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center Field Day. The tour will **start from the Texas A&M Meaney Farm Annex**, which is approximately one mile east of the TAM-Center on Business HWY 44. **Parking will be in the cotton module storage yard** next to the east end of the Meaney Annex. Follow the signs to parking, and the registration tent. Tour trailers and vehicles should be clearly visible from Hwy 44.

**We want to have enough trailers and food for those who come so please call our Office and register with Stephanie (361-265-9203).**

**You may or may not have noticed some new faces in the fields lately. That's just the new research demo techs for the summer! One face you may already know is Kevin Hahn and the other is Greg Berger. Greg is from Schulenburg. They are both students of TAMU and we are proud to have them both on the IPM team. They are great to work with and I hope you like working with them as well.**

**As always, give me a call if you have any questions, concerns or would just like to comment on how I am doing. Your input is extremely valuable.**

**SPB**