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After a week of rainfall, some totaling as much as 15 inches, we are finally drying back up to continue harvest.

Cotton Harvest Aid Field Demonstrations

I am looking for a field in Victoria County to have a harvest aid demonstration. This field should be 60-70% open when we make the applications. If you have such a field you want the harvest aid test on your farm, give me a call, 920-1138. This will take about 100 feet of 80 rows, and will include ~20 different treatment combinations.

A Cotton Harvest Aid trial should be applied Wednesday, August 2, outside of Port Lavaca. I will announce the date and location of a field meeting to look at the plots next week. It will probably be the 14th or 15th.

Cotton IPM

Several farmers contacted me regarding stalk destruction dates in a letter they received from TDA. The Cotton Stalk Destruction Deadline for Zone 2, Area 4 has not changed: it remains at October 1. A typographical error in the version of the map that was mailed has been corrected and TDA is preparing to mail the corrected map to all producers in Zone 2 Area 4.

Attached is the corrected map from TDA.

Stink bugs are still an issue in later planted cotton. Economic threshold for stink bugs is 20% evidence of feeding in small bolls and presence of stink bugs, including the red-banded stink bug. I will be applying an insecticide efficacy test this week and should have results by the end of next week. Give me a call if you have questions about control.

Soybean IPM

Stink bugs are also being found in many, but not all, soybean fields. Populations range from 0-121 per 100 sweeps. Protect soybeans until bean maturity or about 25 days before the field could be harvested. The red-banded stink bug continues to make up the majority of stink bugs found in soybeans.

Variations in field maturity will make one field more attractive than another. Thus, one field may be full of stink bugs while a neighboring field may not have any. Each field should be scouted separately to avoid economic losses.

In insecticide trials that I have conducted this year, I have not had problems controlling any species of stink bug in soybeans. Products that have been successful in knocking down stink bugs include **Orthene, Karate with Zeon, Mustang Max and Baythroid XL. The pyrethroids were applied at the upper end of the label rate. Call me if you have questions about stink bug control.

Asian Soybean Rust has not been found in Texas and will not be an issue in this year's soybean crop.



**Red Shouldered
Stink Bug**



**P. guildinii
eggs and
1st instar**



P. guildinii 3ed instar

Publications on Stink Bug Identification and Asian Soybean Rust ID are available at:
<http://calhoun-tx.tamu.edu/Publications.cfm>

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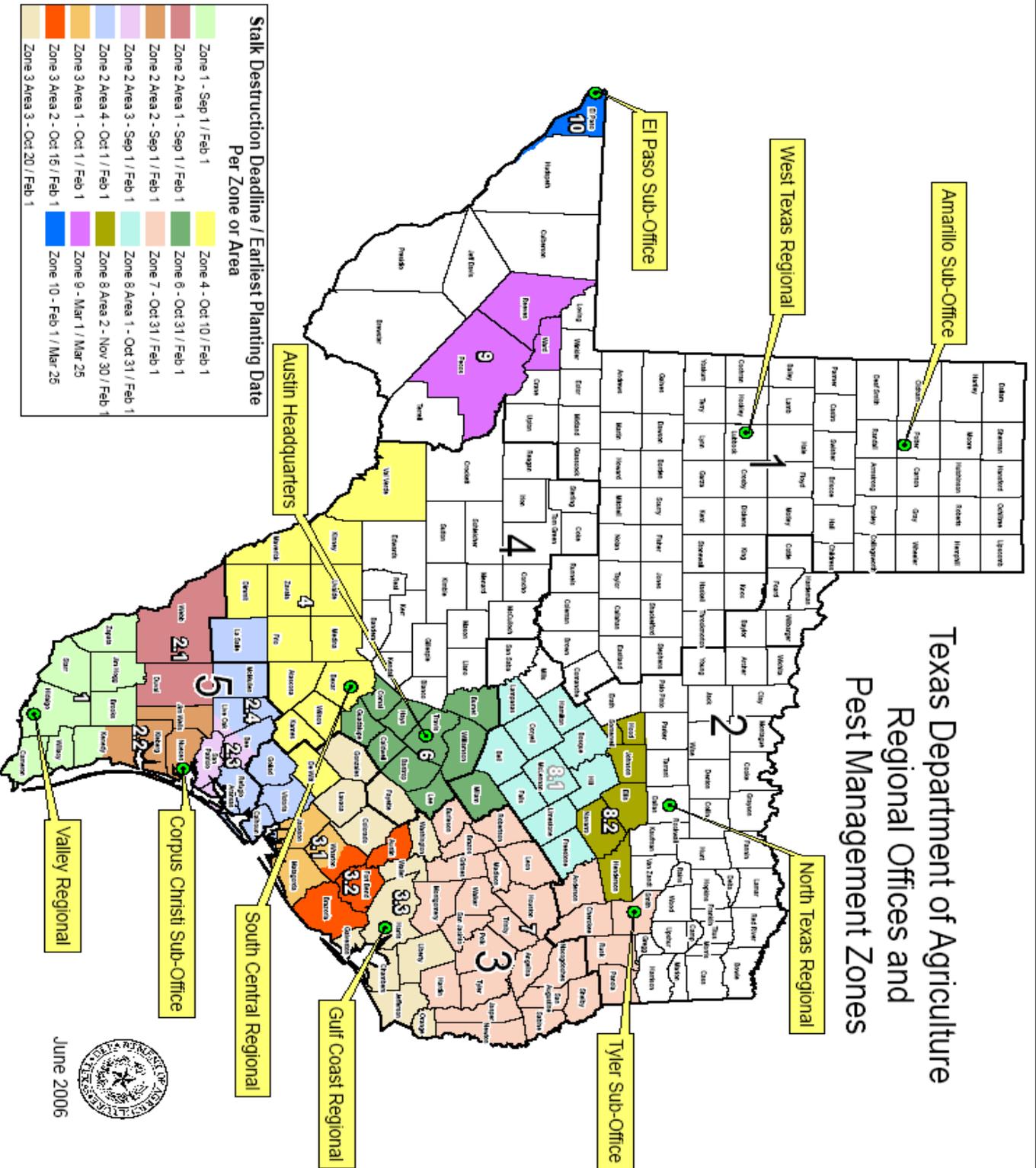
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