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News about
Integrated Pest
Management in
Hockley,
Cochran, and
Lamb Counties
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Current Situation

Another round of storms this last weekend has again complicated the situation for many producers. Storms not only levelled some fields, which actually makes the decision to replant easier, but have caused thousands of acres of cotton to be sickened. This would be what we call “**wet weather blight**” (shown in picture below). It often appears as necrotic tissue on older leaves, not to be confused with wind or sand



damage. Soil borne pathogens are splashed onto the plant causing the symptoms and can cause death to young struggling plants. If the terminal is green and appears to actively growing (as it does on the cotton plant in the center of picture above), give it a few days before you judge the severity. Make plant stand counts based on only healthy terminals. Many acres began to show symptoms on Tuesday afternoon and it has continued to worsen across Lamb, Hockley and Cochran counties. I think by Saturday we should see the extent of the damage and can evaluate what direction to take. If you need assistance give me a call.

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Cotton ranges from cotyledon stage to 6 true leaves; no squaring cotton has been noted to-date; and very few if any thrips have been found.

Most **peanuts** should be nearing bloom. Now is the time to evaluate nodulation; nodulation has been highly variable. Weeds are priority for most. Many are wanting to cultivate, which is a very good idea before peanuts run and or peg. Just be careful not to pitch soil to the crown of the plant. I have seen this in several acres where blowing may have been a concern. Just remember this soil covering the crown can increase incidence of pathogens in that area.

Corn and grain sorghum have continued to make excellent progress with the current weather pattern. The oldest corn is beginning to tassel. Other than a few weeds, pest in general have been quiet in grains so far.

Replanting Guides

If you need help in your decision to replant here is a link to an Extension guide which may help: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2015/06/Hailout-Replant-LatePlant-Guide-TX-S-Plains-Trostle-2015-TOC.pdf>

To decide between corn or grain sorghum check out this link:

<http://focusonagriculture.blogspot.com/2015/05/corn-or-sorghum-in-place-of-cotton-in.html>

Private Pesticide Applicators Training

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the required private Pesticide Applicators Training (PAT) in Littlefield on June 25 and again on July 23 in Morton. This training is required by Texas Department of Agriculture before taking the exam for obtaining the license. A private pesticide applicator is a person who uses or supervises the use of a restricted-use or state limited-use pesticide or a regulated herbicide for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. This license is not for those receiving monetary compensation for a pesticide application.

To participate in a training individuals must call 806-385-4222 ext 235 by 3pm the day prior (Wednesday) to the training on June 25 in Littlefield. The trainings will begin promptly at 1pm at the Extension Offices (see addresses below). There is a \$60 fee for training materials. This is only the training; testing will be conducted at a separate time and location.

Future PAT Trainings:

- June 25 Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5
- July 23 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- August 27 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- September 24 Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5
- and October 22 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue

Texas A & M AgriLife Extension seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any educational meetings. Please contact us to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require a week in advance of trainings.

See You On The Radio

IPM Radio Program Aglife on Fox Talk KJTV, radio 950 AM, on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:15 pm.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Hockley County Report on KLVT Levelland, High Plains Radio Network, radio 1230 AM, Wednesdays from 7:30 am to 7:45 am.

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